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SUMMARY.

The King at Marienbad entertained M. Clemenceau, the French Premier, and the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

It is stated that the conversations which the King had with the French and Russian statesmen confirm the harmony of British, French, and Russian views.

Radicals intend to call attention in Parliament to King Edward's personal activity in foreign affairs.

The Grimsby trawler Taurus has been fined £15 at Flensburg, and her trawl and catch confiscated, for, it is alleged, fishing within three miles of German territory.

The skipper of the Taurus was so positive he was outside the limit that he went to the expense of briefing a leading German advocate to defend him.

Sir George Doughty, M.P. for Great Grimsby, intends to raise the whole question in Parliament.

It is felt at Grimsby that a British cruiser should be sent to protect the trawlers.

The outlook in the cotton-spinning trade, consequent upon the proposed reduction of wages by 5 per cent., is serious.

Seventeen thousand cardroom workers at Oldham resolved to oppose the reduction.

It is expected that other operators and spinners in Lancashire will decide in a similar manner.

The "Times" correspondent at Tabriz, Persia, states that a period of promiscuous assassinations has begun.

Two prominent merchants were murdered in the streets within 48 hours.

Mr. Lloyd George is impressed with the system whereby Germany raises £34,000,000 annually for old-age pensions.

It is reported that Spain is granting a German firm permission to establish a coal depot in the Canaries.

Ela Bey, late head of the secret police in Turkey, has talked freely in London.

He states that he fled, like Izzet Pasha, under a false name, on receipt of the Sultan's private advice.

A bill is being drafted in the United States to obtain special concessions for American products abroad.

At the inquest on the body of Mrs. Luard, the victim of the Sevenoaks murder, Major-General Luard gave a dramatic account of the finding of his wife's remains.

No fresh light has been thrown on the murder. Detectives are searching for a small revolver, with which the bullet wounds were inflicted.

Disastrous floods have occurred in North and South Carolina, where whole districts have been inundated.

America is to pay the Vatican £300,000 indemnity in connection with ecclesiastical disendowment in Cuba.

The American Fleet left for Melbourne at 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

The Connecticut led the way, and the battleships steamed out of the harbour in the same order as they arrived.

The departure was witnessed by several thousands from various vantage points in the harbour and at South Head.

The tender Yankton remained behind to gather up the men who missed the fleet. She will leave for Melbourne on Saturday.

A number of stragglers were put on board the Yankton yesterday, but 30 bluejackets are still missing.

The Victorian Minister for Lands has returned to Melbourne full of praise for the Sydney festivities.

He says he was greatly impressed with the magnificent manner in which Sydney welcomed the fleet.

Mr. Price, Premier of South Australia, who has returned to Adelaide, says the festivities in Sydney went off well.

Good feeling was shown towards the Americans, he remarks, and it was a great and impressive show.

The Lord Mayor says the illuminations were the best on record, owing largely to the increased use of electric light.

He thought a word of praise should be given to the police and the tramway officers for the way in which they handled the traffic.

The Inspector-General of Police pays a high tribute to the metropolitan and country police.

Mr. Garvin was delighted with the splendid way the American sailors behaved while in Sydney.

No body of men, he remarks, could have shown better behaviour. "They were gentlemen all the time."

Country and interstate visitors are pouring into Melbourne for Fleet week.

The American residents of Melbourne will present Admiral Sperry with a large punch-bowl of sterling silver.

About 75,000 invitation cards have been issued for the functions arranged for the entertainment of the fleet.

There was a patriotic outburst at the Wagga show social over a comparison between the British and American fleets.

Sydney will be en fete again on Tuesday, September 8, to welcome the new Governor-General.

The Government will leave the more substantial portions of the fleet decorations in position for the arrival of Lord Dudley.

The landing will take place at Farm Cove, and there will be a reception at the pavilion in the Domain.

The Lord Mayor has decided to permit the citizens' decorations to remain pending the arrival of Lord Dudley.

The Federal trawler was launched at the Government dockyards, Cockatoo Island, yesterday.

The vessel was christened Endeavour by Mrs. Keating, wife of the Minister for Home Affairs.

The High Court has upheld the decision of Mr. Justice Street in the Adams will case.

The Bexley Council has decided to place a tax on butchers' carts.

The Victorian Minister for Lands, who attended the Burns-Squires contest in Sydney, has given his impressions of the fight.

He says he is confirmed in his opinion that the Government should not grant facilities for such contests in Melbourne.

The council of the churches in Melbourne has protested against such boxing matches as the Burns-Squires contest.

The Premier of South Australia says that New South Wales is acting fairly in regard to the Murray waters question.

He adds that he got from Mr. Wade an emphatic statement that there would be no delay in introducing the bill.

Speaking at the launching of the Federal trawler, Mr. Dannevig said everything in connection with the fisheries was 50 years out of date.

Fish was not supplied, he said, in the condition or at the cheap rate it should be.

The Linnean Society discussed the question of securing more adequate protection of Australian native plants and animals.

The aid of the National Council of Women should, it was considered, be sought in placing a veto on "murderous millinery."

The Fijian Government intends to establish a steam service between Fiji and Melbourne.

The Coal Lumpers' Union refused to coal the U.S.A. hospital ship Relief, at present lying in Port Jackson.

The reason put forward by the lumpers is that the American battleships used their own crews to coal at this port.

The estate in New South Wales of the late Mr. Alexander Sloan, of Mulwala, is valued for probate at £74,651.

Out of 55,180 sheep and lambs advised for sale at Homebush yesterday, only 42,163 were penned. Values for sheep were 6d to 9d per head below last Monday's levels.

Upwards of 1744 cattle were balloted for sale, and 1563 were yarded. Values eased somewhat for prime, but medium qualities were lower.

The feature of the mining market yesterday was the extreme firmness of both copper and silver shares.

In gold shares, Charters Towers stocks weakened, and Gympie shares were not active.

Weather Forecast.—Some cloud and a few showers on the south-western slopes, otherwise fine and cool generally, with frosts; W to S winds.

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MOOLTAN	10,000	G. C. Henning, R.N.R.	Oct. 24
CHINA	7,912	E. Street	Nov. 7
MOLDAVIA	10,000	E. H. Gordon	Nov. 21
HIMALAYA	6,898		Dec. 5
MONGOLIA	10,000	C. F. Preston, R.N.R.	Dec. 19
INDIA	7,911	F. W. Vibert, R.N.R.	Jan. 2
VICTORIA	6,522	R. L. Haddock, R.N.R.	Jan. 16
MOREA	11,000	W. L. Broun, R.N.R.	Jan. 30
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ORMUZ	6,465	Shelford	Sept. 5	Sept. 8	Sept. 10
OROTAVA	5,971	Dagnell	Sept. 19	Sept. 22	Sept. 24
*ORONTES	9,023	Ruthven	Oct. 3	Oct. 6	Oct. 8
ORIENT	5,453	Healey	Oct. 17	Oct. 20	Oct. 22
aOROYA	6,297	Laws	Oct. 28	Nov. 3	Nov. 5
*ORTONA	8,000	Collins	Nov. 14	Nov. 17	Nov. 19
*OPHIR	6,814	Coad	Nov. 28	Dec. 1	Dec. 3
ORUBA	5,971	Plunkett	Dec. 12	Dec. 15	Dec. 17
*OMRAH	8,282	Symons	Dec. 26	Dec. 29	Dec. 31
OROTAVA	5,980	Jenks	Jan. 9	Jan. 12	Jan. 14
ORMUZ	6,465	Shelford	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 28
ORIENT	5,453	Healey	Feb. 6	Feb. 9	Feb. 11
bOROYA	6,297	Laws	Feb. 20	Feb. 23	Feb. 25
*bORTONA	8,000	Collins	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 11
*bORONTES	9,023	Ruthven	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 25
*bASTURIAS	12,002	Spooner	April 3	April 6	April 8
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For NEW ZEALAND PORTS—
WARRIMOO, WEDNESDAY, September 2.
For LAUNCESTON—
LOONGANA (Turbine Steamer), August 29; September 3 and 7.
ROTOMAHANA, September 1, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30.
WAREATEA, September 14 and 21.
From LAUNCESTON—
LOONGANA (Turbine Steamer), September 1, 5, and 10.
ROTOMAHANA, August 29; September 3, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29.
WAREATEA, September 17.
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From MELBOURNE, via HOBART and BLUFF—ULIMAROA, WEDNESDAY, September 9.

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WESTRALIA, TUESDAY, September, 1, noon; and September 15, 29.
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MACLEAY RIVER.—Yulgilbar, Tuesday, 4 p.m.
MANNING RIVER.—Electra, Monday, 7 p.m.
BELLINGER RIVER.—Rosedale, To-morrow, 7 p.m.
NAMBUCCA RIVER.—Rockliffe, Wednesday, 5 p.m.
FROM DRUITT-STREET.
BYRON BAY.—Cavanba, To-morrow, 9 a.m.
COFF'S HARBOUR and TRIAL BAY.—Cavanba, To-morrow, 9 a.m.
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—Notice is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matter will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 9th day of September, 1908, at 10 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 5th day of September, 1908:—Re PETER SELBERG, No. 17,840, of 61 Mill-street, Pyrmont, Labourer. F. H. SALUSBURY, Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee. (4c-9)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicils of BENJAMIN BACKHOUSE, late of Ardath, Queen's-avenue, Rushcutter Bay, in the State of New South Wales, Member of the Legislative Council, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Queen's-square, Sydney; and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before THURSDAY, the twenty-fourth day of September next, at half-past twelve o'clock in the afternoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executors. Dated this 27th day of August, A.D. 1908. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. BACKHOUSE and JEANNERET, Solicitors for the Executors, 8 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM PURSS, late of Leichhardt in the State of New South Wales, Freeholder, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my Office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any Claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said Office on or before the twenty-eighth day of September, at half-past twelve o'clock in the afternoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall fit object thereto, otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law; and Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executor. Dated this twenty-seventh day of August, in the year 1908. T. W. GARRETT, Registrar. ROBBERDS and ENGLAND, Proctors, 2 Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM McFARLANE, late of North Botany, near Sydney, Ironfounder, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JAMES LANG and JAMES WILSON, the Executors in the said Will named; and all Notices may be sent to or served at the Office of the undersigned. Dated 27th August, A.D. 1908. JOSEPH THOMPSON, Proctor for Applicants, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN WILLIAM FLETCHER, late of Petersham, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HANNAH FLETCHER, Widow of the said deceased, the Executrix named in the said Will; and all Notices may be served at ERNEST W. WARREN, Proctor, 19 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARY HAYNES POLLOCK, late of Hornsby, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HEPBURN POLLOCK, the Sole Executor named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of ALEXANDER ANDREW HAMILTON, Proctor for the Executor, 75 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN SOLLICK, late of St. Peters, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Timber Carter, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM DIGBY ROWE, the Executor named in the said Will. All Creditors are required to send particulars of their Claims against the Estate of the said deceased to the undersigned within the abovementioned time; and all Notices may be served at the Office of the undersigned. CHARLES HORACE EDDIE, Proctor for the Executor, 90 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM CHARLES JOYNER, late of Samson Vale, near Brisbane, in the State of Queensland, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probate granted in the State of Queensland in respect of the above Estate may be sealed with the Seal of this Court; and all Notices may be served at, and all Claims sent in to, the undersigned. ROBBERDS and ENGLAND, Proctors, 2 Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WILLIAM BARTLE, late of Lane-street, Broken Hill, in the State of New South Wales, Miner, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JANE BARTLE, the Widow of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at Lane-street, Broken Hill. JANE BARTLE, Applicant.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WALTER NELSON, late of Albury, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELLEN NELSON and JANE NELSON, of Albury aforesaid, Spinsters, the Executrices named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of FREDERICK JOHN BELBRIDGE, Proctor for the Executrices, A.M.P. Buildings, Dean-street, Albury. By MACKENZIE and MACKENZIE, 164 Pitt-street, Sydney.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARY TULLY, late of Moruya, in the State of New South Wales, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the undersigned, SYDNEY DeGARIS HARKUS, the Executor named in the said Will. SYDNEY DeGARIS HARKUS.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of SAMUEL BENJAMIN KEMISH, late of Wollongong, in the State of New South Wales, Retired School Teacher, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to KATE MOORE and BERTIE JOSEPH KEMISH, two of the children of the deceased; and all Notices may be served at the address of the undersigned. RUSSELL and SON, Proctors for Administrators, Wollongong. By their Agent, A. C. GILL, 56 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOHN NOTT, late of Yass, in the State of New South Wales, Wool Buyer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ESTHER EMILY NOTT, the Widow of the said deceased; and all Notices may be served at the Office of F. J. MEYER, Bank-chambers, Montague-street, Goulburn. By his Agents, LAWRENCE, SON, and MACDONALD, 122 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, MALCOLM CUTHBERT MOORS, for the last two years and upwards residing at the Bank of New South Wales, Campbelltown, in the said State, lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to Mr. PERCY MANTON LANE, of Sydney, Solicitor, and subsequently by assignment thereof to Mr. ERNEST AMBROSE ROBERTS, of the same place, Solicitor, do intend to apply on the last day of the present term to be admitted as an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honorable Court. Dated this twenty-fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and eight. M. C. MOORS.

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Under the distinguished Patronage of her Excellency Lady Northcote, Miss Rawson, Lady Poore; and in the presence of his Excellency Sir Harry Rawson, Miss Rawson, Mrs. Wade, the Lady Mayoress, General and Mrs. Gordon, and American Visitors. Unique and Brilliant Gallery Attractions, 7 to 8. Thirty Fancy Sets, including those representing America. Prize by Ballot for Best Set. Bridge Competition—Two Handsome Trophies. TICKETS, 7s 6d, Gallery 2s, at Nicholson's. Two boats of American Fleet are remaining for the ball.
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AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

SULKY TURNOUT, HOODED BUGGY, ETC.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. T. PAULEY to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Friday, at 11.30 a.m.,
Brown Pony Mare, 12.3, thickly set, good mover, very reliable in saddle and harness; 2-spring Sulky (new), and B.M. Harness, making a stylish lot; also, Hooded S.S. Buggy, with rubber tyres (built by Angus), equal to new, and Gent.'s Saddle and Bridle, in perfect order.

HOODED BUGGY AND 2 SULKIES.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Hooded S.S. Brewster Buggy (new), also 2 first-class Sulkies, well and faithfully built.

RUBBER-TYRED SULKY LOT, SPORTING SULKY, Etc.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Chestnut Mare, 4yrs, 14.3, by Huon Junr., very fast, quiet and stylish, rubber-tyred Sulky and Harness; also Sporting Sulky and Harness, in perfect order.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'cock,
"RECOVERY," bay Mare, 4yrs, by Regained, from Glee by Corrеse, from Gladys. Full particulars at sale.

EXTRA HEAVY DRAUGHT HORSE, FROM PITT TOWN.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
A powerful extra heavy Draught Gelding, 4yrs., stanch and reliable, worthy the attention of Brewers and heavy Carriers.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, AT 11.30 A.M.
650 HEAD. 650 HEAD.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, as above.
For full particulars see yesterday's issue.
TRAIN leaves Sydney at 10.15, RETURNING at 3.42 and 6.47 p.m.
Competent Drovers in attendance.

THE SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS will offer Catalogues TO-DAY, at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, as under:—
SHEEPSKINS, at 10.30 a.m.; HIDES, at 1.30 p.m.

GEO. H. MOXHAM and CO. sell by Auc., This Day, at Wool Exch., Sheepskins, 10.30; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

R. P. MURPHY AND CO. will sell by auction at THEIR SALE ROOMS AND YARDS, Thomas-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY,
Sucking Pigs and Carcase Pork, 1 p.m. sharp.
Eggs, Butter, Bacon, etc., 2 p.m.
Poultry, etc., 2.30 p.m.

C. J. TURNER sells at his Rooms, Valentine-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, as under:—
1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, Birds, etc.
1.30, Eggs, then Poultry.

THIS FRIDAY MORNING, AT 11, AND CONTINUING ALL DAY.
PIANOS, FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS.
AT THE ROOMS,
772 George-st, Hordern's-buildings, Haymarket.
Drawing and Dining Suites, in Saddlebags, Leather, Silk Tapestry, and Horsehair, good as new. 7 Splendid Sideboards, 3 to 5 feet; Sewing Machines. Exten. 8 x 4 D. Table, 5 Dining Tables, all sizes. Aus. Chairs, occas. Basket Chairs, Hall Stands. Carpets and Linoleums, H. Rugs, Blankets and Quilts. 15 First-class Bedsteads and Cots, with Wires and Bedding.
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AUCTION SALE.
ACME EGG CO., through their Auctioneer (Mr. Chas. Bardsley), will sell, at 73 Engine-street, Haymarket,
EGGS, HAMS, Etc,
THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m. sharp.
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WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.
MOSSMAN and ELLIS will sell by auction at their Railway Produce Saleyards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 1 p.m.,
Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Suckers, Carcase Pork and Veal, Butter, Cheese, Bacon, Eggs, Honey, Beeswax, Lard, Fruit, a large quantity of Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, Game, etc.
2 Tons Pure Extracted Honey (choice Western).
1 Ton Choice Farm-fed Bacon.

TO-MORROW WEEK, Septem. 5, Rickard's Auction Auburn, Big LEVEL BUILDING LOTS; water, gas, street lamps. No Reserve. From £1 down, 10/ month. Plans, Arthur Rickard and Co., Ltd., 84B Pitt-street.

AUCTION SALES.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
28th AUGUST, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, AT THE ROOMS OF
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.
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TO PARTIES FURNISHING, DEALERS, and OTHERS.
THIS DAY, AT 2.30 P.M.,
ON THE PREMISES,
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HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.
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J. RUSSELL JONES HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO SELL BY AUCTION AS ABOVE.
ABSOLUTELY NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street,
The UNREDEEMED JEWELLERY pledged with Mr. Sidney Barnett, of Crown-street, Surry Hills, comprising—
Diamond, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings. Gold and Silver Watches, Gold Alberts, Muff Chains. Bangles, Links, etc.
Diamond Brooches, Earrings, Pins, etc.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, the Unredeemed CLOTHING, etc., pledged with the Redfern Mont de Piete (A. Margoschis), Regent-street, Redfern.
At 11 o'clock—Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.
At 3.30 o'clock—A Large Quantity of all Descriptions of Tools.

TO DEALERS AND OTHERS.
IMPERATIVE AND UNRESERVED SALE.
HYAM HAINS has received instructions from the Mortgagee to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 A.M., on the Premises, 639 GEORGE-STREET, HAYMARKET, 20 Bedsteads, 50 Chairs, 10 Tables, Mirrors, C. Drawers, W. and Ware, T. Tables, first-class Stove, Glassware, Cutlery, Crockery, and a quantity of miscellaneous Furniture.
NO RESERVE. TERMS CASH.
The whole will be submitted as a going concern, and if not sold will be offered in lots to suit purchasers.

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IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.
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5000ft 6 x ½ LINING.
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2000ft 3 x 2, 4 x 2½, 5 x 3½ OREGON.
2000ft 6 x 1 T. and G. FLOORING OREGON and H. WOOD.
500ft 3 x 1 OREGON.
1000ft CHECKED and CHAMFERED W'BOARDS.
500ft 6 x 1 PARTITION BOARDS.
6 x 2½ H. WOOD JOISTS, LONG LENGTHS.
PANEL AND LEDGE DOORS.
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40 CASES WIRE NAILS (in Packets, Stock Sizes).
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Now in its
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FIFTH WEEK,
will keep the spirit of brightness and festivity alive.
The Fleet is departing, you've all had your fill. But the joys of "MISS HOOK" will remain with you still.
YOUR CUP OF PLEASURE
will not be full until you have seen "MISS HOOK OF HOLLAND. Then drink deeply.
"MISS HOOK OF HOLLAND"
makes sad hearts glad, and glad hearts gladder.
BETTER SEE "MISS HOOK."
The Overture begins at 7.55 sharp.
The Orchestra is under the direction of VICTOR CHAMPION.
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Musical Programme by the Choral Union.
Dancing. Refreshments Free.
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AUCTION SALES.

POULTRY FANCIERS AND DEALERS, also BUYERS OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
STRONGMAN, WATSON, & HAWKINS have instructions from S. P. DART, Esq., to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, WITHOUT RESERVE, on
SATURDAY NEXT, AUGUST 29,
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RAWSON STUD POULTRY FARM,
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Large Quantity of Wire Netting, Galvanised Iron, Timber, 10 Poultry Houses, Pigsty and Bricks, Signboard, etc.
Good Lot of Useful HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Bedsteads, Chests, Tables, Chairs, etc.
THE PREMISES ARE TO LET. About 8 Acres, with COTTAGE and Sheds, City Water. Good position. Particulars from the Auctioneers.
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GOLD PADLOCK, off Bracelet, city to Rose Bay; reward. Egmont, Wolseley-rd, Point Piper.

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LOST, bet. Kirribilli and Macquarie-st, PINCE-NEZ; reward. 193 Pitt-st, city.

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LOST, Brass Dome, 1¾in dia., with spring plunger on top. 5s rew. ret. Alick McNell, Market-st.

LOST, in the city, a Set of References. Liberal reward on returning to 34 Regent-st.

LOST, betw. Mosman and Her Majesty's, Gold Scarf Pin, single stone; rew. H. H., Mosman P.O.

LOST, Amethyst NECKLACE; reward. Address 159, Herald Office.

LOST, Leather Case, contg. Camera Tripod, Reception Pavilion, Domain. Sydney Mail Office.

LOST, bet. city and Kirribilli Pt., Gold LOCKET; reward. E. J. Forbes, 8 Spring-st, Sydney.

LOST, Gold BROOCH, on Wednesday; reward. St. Ives, 125 Old Canterbury-rd, Lewisham.

LOST, 21st, G. Cable Bangle, bet. Abbotsford and L'hardt; rew. St. Clair, Ramsay-rd, Haberfield.

LOST, Criterion Theatre, Mon. evg., Dress Circle, Blk. Opera Glass; rew. Blumenthal, Ltd., 167 Pitt-st.

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LOST, 26th inst., Gold Chain, G'stone Pendant, insc. M.E.M. Reward returning 123 Princes-st city.

LOST, Ladies' 'Possum Fur, red lining, Cricket Grd., Wed., rew. A. M. McLean, Land Agent, Chatswood

LOST, bet. Women's Hospital and D'hurst, Silver Penholder, gold nib; rew. Finckh, Jewlr., 300 Geo.-st.

LOST, Tues. night, bet. N. Shore and Quay, South Af. Medal; rwd. Sproul, Naval House, Church Hill.

LOST, Brown Pony, three white legs, branded — over JB; reward. J. Murphy, Flemington.

LOST, Coral Dia. Earring, last Sat., bet. Neutral Bay and G.P.O. Rew., Tyndale, Raymond-rd, N. S.

LOST, Fox Terrier, head, body evenly marked, answ. Tinker. Rew. Det. prosec. 229 Trafalgar-st, An'dale.

LOST, Gold Medal Brooch, J. Harrison, reverse side. Rew., Edgecliff, Johnstone-st, Balmain East.

LOST, at Cricket Ground, Wed., Gold Pin, with Southern Cross att. Rew., 14 Botany-st, Waverley.

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LOST, between Flinders-st and Circular Quay, a gold Curb Chain Bangle. Rewd. 53 Flinders-st, Moore P.

LOST, children's sports, Purse, broken, receipt and a knife, keepsake. 43 Glenmore-rd, Paddington.

LOST, Wed. night, 3-stone diamond Gold Locket; £4 reward. Apply R. Milham, 20 Goulburn-st.

LOST, Thurs., Gold CHAIN, amethyst and pearl heart; rew. B. Sharman, Bristol-rd, Hurstville.

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LOST, Coogee, Thurs., Handbag, cont. purse with money and address. Rew. Como, M'Donald-st, Pad.

LOST, bead Purse, corner Ridge-Miller sts, containing money, purse, and bill. Reward. 28 Ridge-st.

LOST, Tuesday, PARROT, Galah. Reward. Call Miss Walsh, 58 Glebe-rd, Glebe.

LOST, small Parcel Ribbon, bet. Foy's and D'hurst. Rew. Mrs. Battersby, Orville, Sloper-st, Kensington.

LOST, Cable BANGLE, Queen or Raglan sts, Thursday. Reward. Werringa, Queen-st, Mosman.

LOST, Thurs. morning, George-st, Gold Ruby and Diamond Brooch; reward. 167 Pitt-st, Redfern.

LOST, UMBRELLA, Bondi tram, marked M.M. Please return to 5 Market-st, city.

LOST, Thursday, Black Bag, contg. about 16s, bottom Henry-st, Wav.; reward. 17 Leichhardt-st, Wav.

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JUNIOR CLERK required for Solicitor's office, 10s. Apply with references to Court, Herald.

JUNIOR CLERK wanted. State age, exp., wages req. Imperial Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 77 Clarence-st.

JUNIOR Clerk wtd., w'sale house, shorthand and type-writing necess. State age, H. O., Oxford-st P.O.

LAD wanted for wrapping cake, 15s per week. The Phoenix Biscuit Factory, 234 Cleveland-st, Syd.

LEGAL.—Wanted, CLERK for country town, close to Sydney; must be good engrosser, and able to type-write; £2 weekly. By letter to
LAW, c.o. J. H. Clayton, 164 Pitt-street.

MACHINISTS for juveniles; Finishers, Girls leaving school, good wages, at once. 533 Geo.-st, top fl.

MACHINISTS, underclothing, high wages, constant, 10 wanted. Simpson, Knox-st, near Grace Bros.

MACHINISTS (power), wtd., for White Work, const.; also Learners. Morehouse-Rayner, 131-134 Q.V.M.

MACHINIST'S Apprentice, wages to start 5s. Elkington and Youngman, 482 George-st, opp. Mkts.

MEDICAL.—W.A. Hos. Appt., sal. £200, quarters provided; 1 N.S.W., £250. Loxton, 16 O'Connell-st.

MILLINERY.—Young Ladies as Apprentices to the sales. H. W. Webb, Oxford-st, city.

MILLINERY.—Smart Sales and W. Shapemaker, take charge sm. shop, refs. 171 George-st West.

MACHINISTS.—Wanted, competent SKIRT HAND, city experience preferred. Apply
Mr. WHITELAW,
DAVID JONES, LTD.

MAST RIGGERS required at once. Apply
WARBURTON and SONS,
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MEADOWBANK COMPANY require BRICKLAYER and FITTER, accustomed to Erecting Water-tube Boilers.

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MACHINISTS, FINISHERS, and IMPROVERS WANTED FOR COSTUMES, BLOUSES, SKIRTS, Etc.
W. E. WARD and CO., Ltd.,
418 Kent-street.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY. PICK AND SHOVEL MEN REQUIRED.
PICK AND SHOVEL MEN are required in the service of the City Council.
Applications to be made on forms which are obtainable at the Town Hall, Sydney, THIS DAY, Friday, 28th instant, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., to be RETURNED not later 10 o'clock a.m. on SATURDAY, 29th August instant.
W. G. LAYTON,
Acting Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Sydney,
28th August, 1908.

MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH SYDNEY.
Applications will be received until SATURDAY, the 5th September, from persons (females only) competent to take charge of the Ladies' Baths at Lavender Bay during the hours it is open for Bathing.
The salary will be 30s per week during the Swimming Season, and applicant possessing a certificate of competence for Life-Saving will have the preference.
By Order,
W. BARNETT SMITH,
Town Clerk.
Town Hall, North Sydney,
August 26th, 1908.

OFFICE BOY for Solicitor's Office, refs. 168, Herald Office.

PHOTOGRAPHY.—Wanted, smart Lad, assist printing room, 10s wkly. Kerry, 310 George-st.

PLUMBERS.—Wanted, smart IMPROVER. Apply Eyles' job, Drummoyne-avenue, Drummoyne.

PRESS HANDS wanted. Apply Canister Works, 102 Sussex-st, city.

PAINTERS.
Wanted, two First-class, quick Workmen.
Wages, 9s per day.
ELECTROLYTIC CO.,
Port Kembla.

POSITIONS VACANT.

QUARRYMEN wanted for Beecroft, J. A. Bailey, High-st, Willoughby. Tel., 523 Chatswood.

RESPECTABLE BOYS and GIRLS can make good wages at piece work.
PARSONS BROS.,
Riley-street (opp. Goodlet and Smith).

REQUIRED by leading Insurance Company, well-educated Youth as JUNIOR. Apply own handwriting, stating age.
Box 1502, G.P.O.

RESPECTABLE young Man wanted for Retail establishment; must be good Shorthand and Typist, wages 30s. Hours, 9 to 6, Wednesday half holiday. Good prospects. Apply personally, T. Ridley,
GORDON and GOTCH, Pitt-street.

SALESWOMAN, exp. fancy goods, wages and commission. Apply 12 o'clock, No. 167, 82 Pitt-st.

SIGNWRITER, practical man, ladder work, all found. Empire Hotel, Johnston-st section, Annandale.

SMART BOY wanted; must be good reader, wages 10s. Apply by letter, John Sands, Ltd., Druitt-st.

SMART BOY wanted, attending school preferred, good wages. Bookstall, Railway Stn., Ashfield.

SMART ERRAND BOY wanted. E. Esdaile, 54 Hunter-st.

SMART BOY, for office. Valvoline Oil Co., Angel-place.

SLATERS wanted. Kirk and Dickinson, 79 Dixon-st, Haymarket.

SMART Milliner, at once, Shapemakers, and Coverers, good wages, const. work. 13 George-st W.

STRAW HATS.—Wanted, first-class Blockers, for fancy straws. R. C. Henderson, Barlow-st, Haymarket.

SHIRTS.—8 or 10 experienced SEAMERS required, also Finishers.
W. A. DAVIDSON and CO.,
Sydney Shirt Factory, Buckland-street.

SHORTHAND WRITER and TYPIST (male) wanted for country, good salary and prospects.
METROPOLITAN BUSINESS COLLEGE,
122 Pitt-street.

SMART BOY required, for Warehouse. Apply in own handwriting, enclosing copies of any references.
172, Herald.

TAILORESSES.—First-class Outdoor Trousers Hands wanted. A. Sonenfild and Sons, 327 Kent-st.

TAILORESSES.—Vest Makers wanted. Manning and Spruet, 47 Erskine-st.

TAILORESSES.—Vest Hand, indoor, make right through, slops and orders; App. trous. 433 Kent-st.

TAILORESSES.—Outdoor Vest Hands wanted, for order work, constant. 203 King-st, Newtown.

TEACHER wanted, graduate preferred. Stott and Hoare's Business College, Moore-st.

TILERS wanted, good men, 12s day, long job. Apply new job, Brook-st, Coogee.

TO TAILORS.—Wanted, first-class Coatmakers, outdoor. E. T. Walsh, 350 George-st.

TO PAINTERS.—Wanted, smart IMPROVERS, 7s a day. Cr. Cleveland and Bourke sts. 7.30 a.m.

TRAVELLERS.—Wanted, Representative for Northern line and rivers, commission only. No. 176, Herald.

TRAVELLERS wanted for all lines, on Rivers, with conn. in clothing, commis. only. 533 George-st.

TYPIST, with own machine, required, Solicitor's office, 15s, references. Apply Lawyer, Herald.

TYPIST, with own machine, wanted, salary and private work allowed. Apply Office 41A, 76 Pitt-st.

TAILORESSES.—Wanted, 1st-class TROUSERS MACHINISTS and FINISHERS; also Improvers and Apprentices.
SAMUEL BROS.,
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Strong BOYS wanted, good chance to learn a trade.
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407 Kent-street.

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TAILORESSES.
We require first-class Vest hands, for hand and machine work.
Mr. Gill,
W. LOWE and CO.,
Merchant Tailors,
George-street.

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Mr. Gill,
W. LOWE and CO.,
Merchant Tailors,
George-street.

TAILORESSES.
WANTED,
A BUTTONHOLE MACHINIST,
Constant.
Apply Mr. PAINTER,
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Oxford-street.

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REUBEN BRASCH,
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WANTED, competent Typewriter Salesman, excellent opening for brainy man. Box 742, G.P.O.

WANTED, smart Lad for machinery bus., refs. Bet. 10 and 11 a.m., 73 Macquarie-st, Sydney.

WANTED, smart LADS for workshop, and Messengers. Bennett and Barkell, 130-2 C'reagh-st.

WANTED, resp. LAD for lift. Apply between 9 and 10 a.m., 112A King-st, Sydney.

WANTED, a YOUTH for the pressing. E. T. Walsh, Tailor, 350 George-st.

WANTED, a smart MAN for stock and window dressing. E. T. Walsh, Tailor, 350 George-st.

WANTED, Boy, for all work. Apply J. H. Squire and Co., Photo. Supplies, 116 King-st, Sydney.

WANTED, smart Benchman, for saw mill, P. H. Winning, Linden Court, C'reagh-Market sts.

WANTED, strong YOUTH. Apply T. James, Butcher, Slade-st, North Sydney.

WANTED, 2 smart young DRAPERS. Kelly, Wellington.

WANTED, a Wool Classer, 14,000 shed, start. Sept. 16. Apply 10 a.m., Wright and Bruce, Loftus-st.

WANTED, Fireman, marine experience req., £3 10s per wk., age, ref. Apply T. Fireman, Herald.

WANTED, MOTOR DRIVER, De Dion experience, references. Deton, Herald Office.

WANTED, a LAD, competent shorthand and typewriting. Apply, credents., 47, Royal Exch., Pitt-st.

WANTED, LAD, about 15, for store, wages 10s. Apply 163, Herald.

WANTED, PAINTER. J. W. CLARK, Dulwich Hill terminus.

WANTED, smart LAD for merchant's office. Apply Box 740, G.P.O.

WANTED, smart respectable Youth, one just from school preferred. Apply Warehouse, G.P.O., Syd.

WANTED, smart Youth for office work, wages 12s 6d week, good experience. Apply Desk, Herald.

WANTED, strong LAD for packing-room. Apply C. H. Walther and Co., 30A Hunter-st, Sydney.

WANTED, Stonebreakers. Next Arnold's, Oxford and Crown sts, Surry Hills. Maston and Yates.

WANTED, BOY for Hairdressing Saloon. 139 Harris-st, Pyrmont.

WANTED, TWO JOINERS. Apply Stevens Bros., and Co., 340½ Pitt-st, city.

WTD., Junior Salesman, for Fancy Warehouse, with prev. knowl. pref., refs., age, sal. W. Z., Herald.

WANTED, Skirt HAND, also IMPROVERS. Mrs. Guist, 51 Ridge-st, North Sydney.

WANTED, a smart, respectable Boy, references required. C. W. Oakes, Jeweller, Oxford-st, Padd'ton.

WANTED, MACHINIST. Apply 472 Riley-st, Surry Hills.

WANTED, smart BOY, for Assay Office. By letter, Assayer, Herald.

WANTED, competent Glazier, also Carpenters' Apprentices. Apply Langdon and Langdon, A'dale.

WANTED, a Plasterer. Apply car. Harris and Quarry sts, Ultimo.

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WANTED, an intelligent Youth, must be good driver. Apply S. P. Bray, Shadforth-st, Paddington.

WANTED, a First-class HAIRDRESSER. Apply 249 Darling-st, Balmain.

WANTED, smart BOY, about 15. Apply Lasseter's, Chemist Dept.

WANTED, smart BOY, to learn the Grocery. A. Laport, 93 Regent-st, Redfern.

WANTED, JUNIOR CLERK, with invoicing experience, salary £1. Produce, Box 44, H'market P.O.

WANTED, a BRICKLAYER. Apply Alexandra-st, off Day-st, Drummoyne.

WANTED, Improver, Carpentering, also Boy. J. Schemilt, 30 Charles-st, Petersham. 9 o'c. a.m.

WANTED, BRICKLAYER, to build chimney. Apply 86 Missenden-rd, Camperdown.

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WANTED, a good WHEELMAKER. Apply Premier Waggon Works, Valentine-st.

WANTED, a SIGNWRITER, at once. A. Kimber, 57 Forbes-st, Woolloomooloo.

WANTED, 2 or 3 good BRICKLAYERS. Market and Clarence sts, city.

WANTED, Striker for shoe turner. Goodwin, Salisbury-rd, Stanmore, near station.

WANTED, strong, resp. Youth, drive wood and coal cart. P. Keegan, Percival-st, Leichhardt Hill.

WANTED, compt. Grocer, with references. W. F. Brown, Co-operative Stores, Mary-st, Hunter's Hill.

WANTED, Men, used to pulling down old buildings. J. Newland, 379 George-st, opposite the Strand.

WANTED, good CARPENTER, also strong Improver. E. Andrews and Co., Mary-st, N'town. 8.30 a.m.

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WANTED, a respectable YOUTH, shop work, bicycle rider, 10s and keep, good home.
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Mosman.

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Flora, Millinery Estab.,
corner Pitt and Bathurst streets.

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Apply
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Apply ARONSON and CO. PROPY., Ltd.,
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WANTED, a good, smart IMPROVER to the General Blacksmithing Trade, must be a good Floorman to start with. State wages
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WTD., for country town, on Western Railway, experienced young Lady, to manage Fancy Department. Salary £2 10s per week. Apply by letter to Box 19, Queen Victoria Markets P.O.

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Box 205, G.P.O.

WANTED, a handy sober MAN, for a paint factory, one who can handle tools and attend to small engine. Apply at Standard Paint Factory, Pyrmont-street, Pyrmont.

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Secretary,
General Hospital, Chillagoe.

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Whereas a Vacancy has occurred in the persons elected to represent the Employees for the Board abovenamed, by the resignation of Thomas J. Waters, and a Vacancy has occurred in the persons elected to represent the Employees for assessors for the said Board by the resignation of Ben C. Loyd.
Notice is hereby given that elections will be held for the purpose of filling the vacancies.
Nominations of persons to be so elected must be lodged with the Industrial Registrar not later than 4 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of September, 1908.
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W. G. LAYTON,
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Town Hall, Sydney,
28th August, 1908.

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TENDERS are invited up to 4 p.m. on MONDAY, the 31st August, 1908, for CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE FENCE in FEDERAL PARK, ANNANDALE.
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Council-chambers, Annandale,
27th August, 1908.

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THE WILD GEESE.

BY STANLEY J. WEYMAN.

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CHAPTER XV.—Continued.

But, on this day a time came, about high noon, when the assemblage—and the fog—began at last to melt. Sir Denny was gone, and old Tim Burke of Maamtrasna. They had slipped homewards, by little-known tracks across the peat hags; and, shamefaced and fearful of the consequences, the spirit all gone out of them, had turned their minds to oaths and alibis. They had been in trouble before, and were taken to know; and their departure sapped the O'Beirnes' resolution, whose uneasy faces as they talked together spread the contagion. Uncle Ulick and several of the buckeens were away on the search; the handful of Spanish seamen had returned to the house or to the ship; there was no one to check the defection when it set in. An hour after Sir Donny had slipped away, the movement which might have meant so much to so many was spent. The slopes about the ruined gables which they called Carraghalin, and which were all that remained of the once proud abbey, had returned to their wonted solitude; where hundreds had sat a short hour before the eagle hovered, the fox turned his head and scented the wind. Even the house at Morristown had so far become itself again that a scarcity, rather than a plenitude of life, betrayed the past night of orgy, and a quietness, beyond the ordinary, the things that had been dreamed. The garrison of Tralee, the Protestant Settlement of Kenmare, facts which had been held distant and negligible in the first flush of hope and action, now seemed to the fearful fancy many an Irish mile nearer and many a shade more real.

Doubtless, in the minds of many, a secret thankfulness that, after all, they were not required to take the leap, relieved the disappointment and lessened the shame. They were well out of an ugly scrape, they reflected; well clear of the ugly shadow of the gallows—always supposing that no informer appeared. It might even be the hand of Providence, they thought, that had removed their leaders, and so held them back. They might think themselves happy to be quit of it for the fright.

But there was one—one, who found no such consolation. One to whom the issue was pure loss, a shameful defeat, the end of hopes, the defeat of prayers that had never risen to heaven more pure than that morning.

Flavia sat with her eyes on the dead peat that cumbered the hearth—for in the general excitement the fire had been suffered to go out—and in a stupor of misery refused to be comforted. Of her plans, of her devotion, of her lofty resolves, this was the result. She had aspired. God knew how high and how purely, for her race downtrodden and her faith despised, and this was the bitter fruit. Nor was it only the girl's devotion to her country and to her faith that lay sore wounded; her vanity suffered, and perhaps more keenly. The enterprise that was to have glorified the name of McMurrough, that was to have raised that fallen race, that was to have made that distant province blessed among the provinces of Ireland, had come to an end, derisive and contemptible, before it was born. Her spirit broken by experience and untrained to defeat, fearing before all things ridicule, dashed itself against the dreadful conviction, the dreadful fact. She could hardly believe that all was over. She could hardly realise that the cup was no longer at her lip, that the bird had escaped from her hand. But she looked from the window; and, lo, the courtyard which had hummed and seethed was dead and silent. In one corner a knot of men were carrying out the arms and the powder to bury them. In another, a woman—it was Sullivan Og's widow—sat weeping. It was the Hic jacet of the great Rising that was to have been, and that was to have regenerated Ireland!

And "You must kill him," she cried with livid cheeks and blazing eyes. "If you do not, I will!"

Uncle Ulick, who had heard the story of the ambush, and beyond doubt was one of those who felt more relief than disappointment, stretched his legs uneasily. He longed to comfort her, but he did not know what to say. Moreover, he was afraid of her in this mood.

"You must kill him!" she repeated.

"We'll talk of that," he said, "when we see him."

"You must kill him!" the girl repeated passionately. "Or I will! If you are a man, if you are an Irishman, if you are a Sullivan, kill him, the shame of your race! Or I will!"

"If he had been on our side," Uncle Ulick answered soberly, "instead of against us, I'm thinking we should have done better."

The girl drew in her breath sharply, pierced to the quick by the thought. The big man started, but for another reason. His eyes were on the window, and they saw a sight which his mind declined to believe. Two men had entered the courtyard—had entered with astonishing, with petrifying nonchalance, as it seemed to him. For the first was Colonel Sullivan. The second—but the second slunk at the heels of the first with a hang-dog air—was James McMurrough.

Fortunately Flavia, whose eyes were glooming on the cold hearth and the extinct ashes, fit image of her dead hopes, had her back to the casement. Uncle Ulick rose up. His thoughts came with a shock against the possibility that Colonel John had the garrison at Tralee at his back! But, although the McMurrough had all the appearance of a prisoner, he thrust away the notion as soon as it occurred. To clear his mind, he looked to see how the men engaged in getting out the powder were taking it. They had ceased to work, and were staring with all their eyes. Something in their bearing and their attitudes told Uncle Ulick that the notion which had occurred to him had occurred to them, and that they were prepared to run at the least alarm.

"His blood be on his own head!" he muttered. But he did not say it in the tone of a man who meant it.

"Amen!" she cried, her back still turned to the window, her eyes brooding on the cold hearth. The words fell in with her thoughts.

By this time Colonel Sullivan was within four paces of the door. In a handturn he would be in the room, he would be actually in the girl's presence; and Uncle Ulick shrank from the scene which must follow. Colonel John was, indeed, running on his fate. For already the O'Beirnes, awakening from their trance of astonishment, were closing in behind him with grim faces; and short of the garrison of Tralee the big man saw no help for him; well-nigh, so strongly did even he feel on the matter, he desired none. But Flavia must have no part in it. In God's name, let the girl be clear of it!

The big man took two steps to the door, opened it, slipped through, and closed it behind him. His breast as good as touched that of Colonel Sullivan, who was actually on the threshold. Behind the Colonel was James McMurrough; behind James were the two O'Beirnes and two others, of whose object, as they cut off the Colonel's retreat, no man who saw their faces could doubt.

For once, in view of the worse things that might happen in the house, Ulick was firm. "You can't move in!" he said, his face pale and frowning. He had no word of greeting for the Colonel. "You can't come in!" he repeated, staring straight at him.

The Colonel turned, saw the four men with arms in their hands spreading out behind him. He understood. "You had better let me in," he said gently. "James will talk to them."

"James——"

"You had better speak to them," Colonel John continued, addressing his companion. "And you, Ulick——"

"You can't come in!" Ulick repeated grimly.

James McMurrough interposed in his harshest tone. "An end to this!" he cried. "Who the devil are you to bar the door, Ulick! And you, Phelim and Morty, be easy a minute till you hear me speak."

Ulick still barred the way. "James," he said, in a voice little above a whisper, "you don't know——"

"I know enough!" The McMurrough answered violently. It went sadly against the grain with him to shield his enemy, but so it must be. "Curse you, let him in!" he continued fiercely—they were making his task more hard for him. "And have a care of him," he added, anxiously. "Do you hear? Have a care of him!"

Uncle Ulick made a last feeble attempt.

"But Flavia," he said. "Flavia is there and——"

"Curse the girl!" James answered. "Get out of the road and let the man in. Is this my house or yours?"

Ulick yielded, as he had yielded so often before. He stood aside. Colonel John opened the door and entered.

The rest happened so quickly that no movement on his part could have saved him. Flavia had heard their voices in altercation—it might be a half minute, it might be a few seconds before. She had risen to her feet, she had recognised the voice of one of the speakers—he had spoken only once, but that was enough—she had snatched up the naked sword that since the previous morning had leant in the chimney corner. As Colonel John crossed the threshold—oh dastardly audacity, oh insolence incredible, that in the hour of his triumph he should soil that threshold!—she lunged with all the force of her strong young arm at his heart.

With such violence that the hilt struck his breast and hurled him bodily against the door-post; while the blade broke off, shivered by contact with the hard wood.

(To be continued.)

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BEGINNING OF BIG THINGS.

The Federal trawler (a detailed description of which appeared in Thursday's "Herald") was ceremoniously christened "Endeavour" by the wife of Senator Keating (Minister for Home affairs), yesterday morning, at the Government Dockyards, Cockatoo Island, and launched amid much excitement. All the workmen thronged to the spot for the occasion, and a number of invited guests were brought up from Sydney in the Captain Cook.

The arrangements for the launching were business-like and precise. There was no delay. Greased blocks had been built up to the vessel, and a wooden trigger was all that stood between her and the water. The signal was given. "I name this vessel 'Endeavour,'" rang out a voice. Mrs. Keating had cut the blue ribbon. A bottle of Australian champagne burst over the bows, and the Endeavour slid gracefully into the water at 9.15 a.m. Simultaneously the men on shore heaved a great hoo-ray, and the cry was taken up and intensified by the Sobraon boys out in the stream.

The launching having been accomplished, the visitors adjourned to a long room, where light refreshments were served. The refreshments were treated as a joke, coming so soon after breakfast. But there were toasts behind the spread, and therein lies the explanation.

After "The King," the healths of Senator and Mrs. Keating were proposed.

Senator Keating, responding, said it was not intended to use the trawler for commercial purposes, as in the case of trawlers plying in the North Sea and other parts of the world. It was a fisheries' investigation vessel. It would be used for trawling operations, but an investigation would also be made of the fisheries along our 8000 miles of coastline. In many localities we had unbounded fishery resources. We knew what had been done in Canadian and Japanese waters, and others. Acres of sea had been turned to more profit in many instances than acres of the best land. There was no reason why Australia should not have the same experience. (Cheers.) Besides, the ordinary crew necessary to man the vessel, she would carry officials who would take in hand scientific investigations. When discoveries were made, it would be for enterprising people to follow up what the Government had done, and develop the resources commercially. In doing that, there would be the gain of habituating Australians to work upon the sea. The time might come when it would be necessary to defend ourselves against foreign aggression; and the time had come when we should be prepared for such an emergency. (Cheers.) We had sprung from stock which had obtained and maintained its supremacy by reason of the fact that it had been at home upon deep waters. Coming from such stock, we should be able to carry on those traditions. (Applause.) Commercially there were all the associated industries that would necessarily spring up on shore. These would benefit the community generally. The work so far accomplished was only the beginning of what all true Australians must reasonably hope would be an extensive development in the near future. (Applause.) A very important work had been done, apart from fisheries investigation. A new departure had been marked in ship-building in the Commonwealth that augured well for the Australian shipbuilding industry in the future. (Cheers.) They would yet build vessels of a larger type to carry on the commercial work of Australia; and they would yet build vessels of a type suitable for defending Australia's interests at sea. The significance and importance of the fact must appeal to all Australia. (Applause.)

Mr. H. C. Dannevig (Director of Fisheries), responding to the toast of "Success to the Fishing Industry of Australia and to the Endeavour," said that fisheries in Australia were an unknown quantity. We hardly knew what was there. He thought that in the Endeavour would be successfully accomplished what had been done in other parts of the world. In America and elsewhere it had been found necessary to do what Australia was now doing. We were not experimenting, but following the lead of practical experience, which was most complete. Everything in connection with fisheries was 50 years out of date. The fish were not supplied or handled as they should be. They were not supplied in the condition or the cheap rate at which they should be. (Hear, hear.) Development of the industry was required in all respects. It would be necessary for the authorities to step in and take matters in hand absolutely; and do away with the out-of-date methods, which made it impossible to have nice fish for breakfast at a reasonable price. (Cheers.) One thing was to bring more fish into the markets; and another thing was to bring it to the people expeditiously without much cost. (Hear, hear.) It could all be done; and developments were going on which indicated that we would soon have the remedy. (Applause.)

Mr. Andrew Christie, Mr. W. Reeks, and Mr. Cutler also responded.

The concluding toast was the "Minister for Works" (Mr. Lee), who presided. Mr. Lee hesitated not to say that the work of constructing the vessel had been carried out by workmen whose skill could not be excelled in any part of the world. The Commonwealth was getting full value for its money.

THE LAW OF INFANTS.

Mr. C. E. Weigall compiles for the Law Book Company an interesting collection of New South Wales Statutes providing for the custody and care of children. The book thus covers the ground of the Deserted Wives and Children Act,' the Infant Protection Act,' the State Children's Relief Act, the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act, and some other measures. An exhaustive table of cases is given. The annotations are very full and reliable, and the work will prove a desirable addition to any law library, as well as being of much value to those who concern themselves with various aspects of philanthropic work.

THE EARLY PRESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of the 21st inst appears the digest of a paper on the above subject read by Mr. Dowling before the Australian Historical Society. I have been informed that Mr. Dowling is the secretary of this society, and will no doubt be glad to have corrected some singular errors into which he has fallen. He refers to the first and second editor of the "Gazette" as "two coloured gentlemen." Presumably he made this statement because George Howe was a Creole. Now, Sir, a Creole is a person born in the West Indies, or Spanish America, descended from European ancestors, but not of native race. The late Sir Alfred Stephen was also born in the West Indies, but I scarcely think Mr. Dowling would refer to Australia's third Chief Justice as a "coloured gentleman." As a matter of fact, the first Government Printer was very fair, and his children took after him in this respect. I might mention also that Robert Howe was the son, not the brother, of George Howe, as stated in Mr. Dowling's paper.

There are six granddaughters and one grandson of George Howe living in Sydney, and it is to be hoped that writers on historical matters will endeavour to avoid making statements that not only needlessly wound the descendants of the first printer, but are absolutely incorrect. I am, etc,
A GRANDDAUGHTER OF GEORGE HOWE.
Aug. 24.

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MEETINGS.

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The THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING of this Society will be held in the TOWN HALL on MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 31st, at 7.30, when his Excellency the GOVERNOR will preside, and Miss RAWSON present the Awards for Bravery in saving life.
By kind permission of Commander F. H. C. Brownlow, Guards of Honour from N.S.W. and Naval Cadets, Naval Brigade, will be in attendance to receive his Excellency the Governor. The Band of the Sobraon, under Bandmaster J. F. Bourke, will also be present, and render selections; and a further programme of music will be carried out during the proceedings by the following Artists, who have kindly given their services:—Miss Edith Dickerson, Mr. Bartie Philp, the Y.M.C.A. Glee Club, and the Vice-Regal Concert Band (Mr. L. De Groen, Conductor).
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A. W. WEBBER, Secretary.
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HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING.
Notice is hereby given that the THIRTEENTH HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Royal Exchange, Pitt and Bridge streets, Sydney, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 28th August, at 3 p.m.
By order of the Board,
W. REDMOND, Secretary.

UNITED Protestant Demonstration.—General Committee Meeting To-night, Protestant Hall 8 o'clock. Important Business. A full attendance requested. SYDNEY RIDGWAY, Secretary.
L.O.L., 150, R.A.P. Meeting, Oddfellows' Hall, Mount-st, N.S., 7.45 p.m. Visitors invited.
UNITED Service, L.O.L., R.A.P. Meeting To-night, No. 4 Room, Protestant Hall, 7.45.
BELMORE P.L.L. meets To-night, Senatorial Hotel, Foveaux-st, 8. J. Schwers, Sec.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.
NOTICE is hereby given that a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Society's Head Office, corner of Pitt and King streets, Sydney, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 1908, at noon, for the purpose of confirming the resolution passed at the Special General Meeting held on the 24th July, 1908, as follows:—
"That the Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society be registered under the Companies Act, 1899, and the Acts amending the same, as a company limited by shares, and that the Society's name be changed to the 'Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society, Limited.'"
By order of the Board,
G. HOWARD POPE, Manager.
27th August, 1908.

MACHINERY.

MAINTENANCE of WEIGHING APPLIANCES by CONTRACT.
Weighing Machines and Weighbridges kept in REPAIR and ADJUSTMENT by TRAINED EXPERTS. GIBSON, BATTLE and CO., LTD., 7 Bent-st, Sydney, Agents for Hy. Pooley and Son, Ltd., Birmingham.
TANGYE'S "SUCTION" Gas Plants, working locally at a cost of under 1d per hour, for 10 B.H.P. DALGETY and CO., Ltd., Agents for New South Wales.
HYDRAULIC LIFT for SALE, capable of lifting 30 cwt. at 700lb pressure. May be inspected at Sydney Morning Herald Stores, Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo. JOHN FAIRFAX and SONS.
RAILS and FITTINGS, large quantities in stock and to arr., all sizes, T. and Bridge Sections, Trucks, Locos., and Accessories, new and good sec.-hand, for SALE. J. E. TOOLE and CO., 70 Hunter-st. T., 1228.
ROBEY Traction Engines, Single and Double Cylinder and Compound. Arthur Leplastrier, 64 Pitt-st.
ROBEY Improved Portable Engines, large stocks, 4 to 20 h.p. Arthur Leplastrier and Co., 64 Pitt-st.
ROBEY High Speeds, Vertical and Horizontal Steam Engines. Arthur Leplastrier and Co., 64 Pitt-st.
STEEL RAILS, Steel Trucks, Switches, etc. Arthur Leplastrier and Co., 64 Pitt-st.
MASSEY Steam Hammers, Belt and Electric drive. Arthur Leplastrier and Co., 64 Pitt-st.
A.—RANSOME'S English Wood-working Machinery, represented by A. Leplastrier and Co., 64 Pitt-st.
NOVO High Speed Sheffield-made Steel, Sole Agents, Arthur Leplastrier and Co., 64 Pitt-st.
BLOCKS, Hyper Acme, Mork's, Weston's, single, double, triple. Scrutton, Co., Ltd., 161 Clarence-st.
SELLING OFF.—Acetylene Gas Plants, Saw Bench, 6-h. Boiler and Eng., Winches. Elliott's, 498 Geo.-st.
BLOWER, small one, wtd. (Buffalo or Champion), Price, etc., to 227, Enmore P.O.
FOR Sale, Piping, Pumps, Boilers, Engines, Batteries. J. Plumb, Equitable-building.
WANTED, 2-h.p. Vertical Boiler, new or s.-h. Particulars to Engineer, 36 Victoria-st, Paddington.
WATERPIPE (800ft), 2½, 3, and 4 in., 4d ft.; Malt Tanks, 30s; new Min. Steel Wire Rope. 234 Sussex-st.
WANTED, Steam Boiler, second-hand, about 4-horse-power, good order, cheap. Engineer, N'town P.O.
WANTED, Marine Gas Engine, 1 to 3 h.p., any make. Price, etc., J. Jones, Union-st, Penrith.
WANTED, good SECONDHAND STEAM HAMMER, about 5in stroke. Price and particulars to Steam Hammer, P.O., Haymarket.

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

VALUE OF TESTING.

The benefit of regularly testing dairy herds has been repeatedly pointed out in these columns, and although progress is slow, there is consolation in the knowledge that the number of individual farmers adopting this wise course is continually increasing. Needless to say they all reap the reward of enterprise, and secure a material return by the increased yield due to culling out the wasters in the herd. Nevertheless, their number is limited. The great majority of our dairymen either cannot spare the time, or believe they cannot, are deterred by the expense, although it is small in comparison with the benefit, or do not yet realise that it is a foolish policy to keep cows that do not pay for their maintenance. Probably no man could be found who would willingly do any such thing, and the only way to ascertain what the cows are yielding is by systematic testing. By this means alone can our herds be raised to a profitable standard throughout, instead of as at present when a proportion of good cows pay for the remainder.

It is estimated by competent authorities that one-third of our dairy cows are good, one-third fair, and one-third worthless. If this is so, it is easy to recognise the enormous loss to the industry in feeding 30 per cent. of our herd without a profitable return. To eliminate that 30 per cent., and improve the remainder is absolutely essential if the industry is to be placed on a substantial, proper footing. The 30 per cent. of wasters can only be ascertained by home testing. A man may be milking a herd from which the average return may be fairly good, but when the different samples are put through the Babcock machine there may be some exceptionally high tests, and some very low. Perhaps only half a dozen, but these are the ones that want culling out. They are not paying for feed and labour, and should be replaced by animals that will. This fact cannot be known without the test. The flow of milk of these poor cows may be all right, but it is deficient in fat constituents. As it is evident that it will be a very long time before the farmers can conduct their own testing, excepting where things are done on a large scale, some other method is necessary to reach the desired end, and this will be found in the formation of cow-testing associations.

These associations have done valuable work in other dairying countries, particularly Denmark and Canada, and it is evident if we are to hold our own in the stress of modern competition that we must also adopt similar methods. Splendid as has been the development of the industry, its potentialities in this country are hardly yet realised. With the constant subdivision of land that is going on, and the extensive area that will be devoted to dairying throughout the State in the future, it will be only a few years when our output will enormously increase, for both in the north and north-west dairying country is being opened up. It will be a wantonly foolish thing to continue to carry on that country a lot of poor stock that does not pay for keep, for it means a loss not only to the owner and the local district, but to the whole State. The dairying industry will therefore not be satisfactorily managed until cow-testing is universal, and that will only be achieved by the formation of associations in every dairying district.

This being the case, it is good to note that a definite scheme will probably soon be under way down on the South Coast. In another column will be found a letter from Mr. Alex Hay, president of the Berry Agricultural Association, which speaks for itself. That gentleman is evincing a practical interest, and is prepared to assist the movement with a donation of £100 for prizes. Certainly it is most fitting that the initiative should come from the pioneer district of the butter industry. Mr. Hay's scheme has not taken definite shape, as he prefers that the farmers should themselves take the initiative in that direction; but the scheme will cover the average testing of herds, and not heavy individual yields. This is what is wanted. It is not the champions we want to discover, but the wasters, and if Mr. Hay is responsible for such good work being done he will earn the thanks of everyone interested in the industry.

It will probably be found a little difficult to decide upon the best scheme, for local conditions must always be considered. The adoption or partial adoption of systems at work in other lands will, perhaps, be found desirable. In America, as in Europe, a co-operative scheme has worked well. Each member of the association pays 5s per cow, and this money is used to pay the salary of a tester, who visits each farm once a month. Only 26 herds are allowed in an association, as otherwise he would have to work on Sundays. The farmer has to board and lodge the tester while he is at his farm, and take him to the next farm. It is the business of the tester to go to the farm and see each cow milked, weigh the milk, take a sample, and test it for butter fat, and make a record of it; it is also his business to see the cow fed, to weigh the feed, figure out its value at market price, and record it. He makes a report, giving the farmer a copy. At the end of the year his report is handed over to the department, which publishes all the results of the testings. The tester also gives the farmer any advice he thinks would be of service.

In Tasmania a scheme is being mooted on the north-west coast by the Co-operative Dairying Company at Burnie. The idea is to have the farms visited three times during the season by a capable man, who will test the cows. The cost, it is estimated, will not average more than 3s to 5s per season. In connection with the movement promoted by Mr. Hay, we understand that Mr. O'Callaghan, who, needless to say, warmly supports any movement so likely to benefit the industry, suggests that farmers living near each other, instead of paying a special man to do the testing, should take it in turn to see their milk weighed and tested about once a fortnight, and an average taken from that. The services of the local students at the Berry State Farm and the Berry Butter Factory officials will also probably be available for testing purposes. With this material at hand, there should certainly be no great difficulty in making a successful start in that district, apart from Mr. Hay's munificent offer. How prize money should be applied is another question that will require attention, but, as far as the farmer is concerned, it will pay him to fall in with the scheme, apart from that entirely. In other countries farmers have found it paid them beyond expectation to co-operate and carry on these associations without any assistance, excepting from the State officers, and it is hard to see why this should not be the case here.

VEGETABLE FIBRE IN WOOL

MATTERS AT A STANDSTILL.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, July 24.

The committee dealing with this question met again at Dalgety's offices yesterday afternoon, but I must candidly say little progress could be reported. Unless greater progress is made than what has been, this question will not be solved for some years to come. The secretary said that an idea had got abroad that the committee had definitely decided to recommend two new wool bags, but they had done no such thing. The committee would recommend nothing definitely until there had been a thorough testing, and the furthest they had gone was to send out two packs, which they had considered worth a trial. The great difficulty standing at the moment in the way of the adoption of the bag with the wool lining, which, without doubt, was the best thing yet put forward, was the method of attaching the lining to the bag. It seems that the maker of the jute bale was somewhat at loggerheads with the manufacturer of the all-wool lining, and the former was not helping forward the adoption of the wool-lined bag as he might do. That's the difficulty which seems to confront the trade at present, and they are waiting for someone to find out an easy way of attaching the all-wool lining. Naturally the jute manufacturer wants no bother in sewing the flimsy wool lining to the sides and bottom of the pack, but to push forward his jute bag as much as possible. There was on show a sample bag with a cotton lining, and though the cotton lining certainly met with the condemnation of all, still the method of attaching it was excellent, and if the all-wool lining could be done as smartly, then the difficulty would soon be solved. The want of an Australian wool press in this country is severely felt, and in consequence everything will now have to be done in Australia.

Mr. E. P. Carter, connected with Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Melbourne, was the only individual present representing the Australian end of the trade, and he told the committee a few plain facts which I venture to say will receive but very little attention. I have seen this gentleman several times this series at the sales, and we have discussed this and several other matters together. Mr. Carter readily admits that there is a great need for a better quality wool bale; that is imperative, but at the same time, the wool pack he strongly contends is not responsible for all the mischief that is complained of. The poorness of the bale may be responsible for 25 per cent. of the mischief done, but 75 per cent. of the evil, in Mr. Carter's opinion, is due entirely to the bad management or handling which the bales receive in London. It is Mr. Carter's opinion, which I entirely endorse, that crane hooks should be kept away from wool bales, for to be hauled five or six stories, then cut open and slashed as many of the bales are, cannot prevent loose hemp and string getting into the wool. Mr. Carter strongly advocated ceasing to use the crane hooks entirely, and to showing the wool in the warehouses as is done in Australia. If the bales were shown upright, and the cap or hood of the bale fastened according to Goldsbrough, Mort's latest way, then it could not fail but minimise considerably the injury that is at present complained of. It was pointed out that what the committee is after is not to prevent strands of jute and string getting into the wool, which, with careful sorting, can be removed, but to find out a wool bale with a perfectly smooth inside, so as to prevent the myriads of loose jute fibres becoming mixed with the wool, and which no sorter in the world can remove. Mr. Carter promised to test the all-wool linings, agreeing to handle about 100 of them. I am afraid that the men at the press will read the Riot Act before they have finished with them, for unless they can be properly attached to the inside of the empty bale, they will cause a fair amount of trouble by dropping to the bottom.

The Lord Mayor of Bradford, who is a prominent wool man, favoured the idea of getting a bag made from jute fabric which had been singed, believing that the cost would not be more than /2 per bale. His idea is that if the inside was singed and all loose bits of jute fibre removed, it would largely solve the difficulty, and a Bradford firm of woolpack makers undertook to supply the sample. This firm is sending out a 9lb pack to Melbourne, a very good, strong one, but I am afraid that the price of 4/3 each will kill it. The outcome of the meeting was to simply wait until the new bags already sent came home filled with wool. It will be remembered that Mr. H. de Little, of Caramut Victoria, and Mr. Murray, of Sanderson, Murray, and Co., who is interested in Brie Brie station, Victoria, are both testing the new jute bale, and the paper lined tare, and nothing can now be done until the wool comes home in the bags. Very probably part of it will be sold in Geelong, and also part in London, and all one can now do is to await results. I am still of the opinion that the only solution to this difficult problem is to use a better jute wool bale, or else a paper lined tare. Some contend that the latter, when softened with the grease, will peel off. I have seen paper lined wool bales used both by Tasmania and South African wool growers, and I saw no peeling off whatever. Singeing may greatly minimise the evil, but the maker is only afraid that with the pressing and friction the jute fibre will again break loose, and be as bad as ever. A better tare, more rational handling by the warehouse keepers in London, and more careful sorting in Bradford would entirely solve the difficulty, but these facts are being recognised very slowly by the leading members of the committee.

COW-TESTING.

SOUTH COAST PROPOSAL.

Mr. A. Hay writes:—The practical manner in which your journal has advocated improved methods of dairying for some time through your valuable "On the Land" columns has induced me to write you on the subject of home testing of dairy herds. For a great many years the South Coast agricultural associations have offered prizes at their shows to farmers for the best testing cow for butter production, and at the present time a test competition is being carried out by the Shoalhaven Agricultural Association for the same object. These efforts are very good up to a point, but their value ends with the best cow, or at the outside the best half-dozen cows in a herd. The object in view is to interest farmers in ascertaining the value and profitableness of every cow in the herd, so as to discriminate and gradually rid himself of the worthless animals. It is pretty safe to say every farmer knows which is the best cow or best half-dozen cows in his possession, but he does not realise how useless his worst are, nor does he trouble to go into their production in a systematic way; they are not worth troubling about.

My object is to form a "cattle-testing association," to take in hand the testing of whole herds at home on the farms, and get farmers to realise that every cow is an investment, resolving herself into an instrument of good and medium profit, and perhaps a loss. He should know what each animal is producing every year. I am thoroughly satisfied that if a simple system were applied in order to get a start before long the value of the system would become self-evident, and dairy-farmers would universally advance along with the new order of things. It has been frequently asserted by those who are most capable to judge that one-third of our dairy cows are good, one-third fair, and one-third so worthless that their returns do not cover cost of keep and labour. We want to find out at the earliest moment the proportion of worthless animals, and get them out of the way. If they are so bad as not to cover cost of keep, etc., the sooner they are removed to make more room and feed for the profitable ones the better.

Herd-testing associations have been in existence for some years in Denmark, with wonderful results, and similar methods are in vogue now in all of the modern dairying countries. The Victorian Government is paying special attention to the subject, with highly satisfactory results. The committee of the Berry Agricultural Association, numbering 31, most of whom are farmers, are greatly in favour of the scheme, and have decided to call a meeting for September 2 of local farmers, as well as representatives of the South Coast Agricultural Union, numbering seven agricultural associations, and extending from Wollongong to Shoalhaven, incorporating the South Coast dairy-farming districts, to discuss a scheme which will be of a practical nature. The Government representatives are highly in accord with the movement, and I am sure we shall have the hearty support of the Minister for Agriculture and his officers. I don't know that there is any question of more importance to dairy-farmers than an improvement in the status of their industry, which affects so many of the small producers of the State. Not only will the production under more scientific methods mean a large increase in the wealth of the State, but it will stimulate those engaged in the industry and be a great help to prospective dairy-farmers. I think farmers would, if they were better informed on the question of values of their animals, feed and care for them much better, and so tend to lift the industry to a higher level. They would have a greater pride in their stock, and each year be more eager to dispose of the most worthless animals, and so apply their energies more on scientific lines.

I am giving £100 towards the association, and I would like to raise enough to create a fund of £500 to ensure a system being adopted in order to carry on operations for at least five or six years.

SINGLETON PASTURES BOARD.

RECALCITRANT DIRECTORS.

REFUSE TO STRIKE RATE.

SINGLETON, Thursday.

The directors of the Singleton Pastures Protection Board met on Wednesday for the purpose of considering an important communication from the department re the present position of the board, to adopt estimates for the current year, and to determine the rate to be levied upon sheep and large stock. It will be remembered that in May last the board refused to strike a rate for 1908. It was also agreed that no bonuses be paid for scalps until further notice. Since that date the affairs of the board have been in a chaotic state, accentuated by the fact that the stock inspector and secretary have not drawn a penny in salary. The communication from the department stated that "the Singleton board having failed to raise the necessary sum required for the effective administration of the Act in their district, and obviously refusing to perform the essential duties arising thereunder, the Minister for Agriculture states that the Singleton board be requested to continue carrying out the business arising under the Pastures Protection Act in a constitutional manner, levying rates to meet the current expenses for which they as a board are legally liable." The chairman (Mr. D. Faulkner) said he took a certain stand when he came on the board. The position of the board was ridiculous. They received no material benefit from the stock inspector, but were simply servants, and had to pay the master. The directors were tools for the Government. They should either resign, or allow themselves to be struck off. Personally, he would not mind paying two years' rates to see the "scabs" who would take their place.

The situation was reviewed from all points, and a proposal to strike a rate was defeated by four votes to three. The following motion was carried:—"That the Singleton Pastures Protection Board has not refused to perform any of its duties. It, however, complains that the department has not definitely replied to the chairman's letter. The members of the board resent the department's threat to remove them from office, and beg for a more definite and favourable reply to the chairman's letter."

A motion was also carried to the effect that arrangements be made with the bank for an overdraft to pay the salaries of stock inspector and secretary, whereupon the chairman asked the board to accept his resignation, and allow him to vacate the chair. The mover of the last motion said if a majority of the board was of opinion that the matter of dealing with the overdraft and the question of handing in their resignations should stand over until next meeting, he was agreeable.

The chairman said, under such conditions, he would act as chairman until next meeting. Accordingly the board agreed to meet next Wednesday to consider the question of obtaining an overdraft to pay the stock inspector and secretary, or resigning in a body.

DROVING SHEEP OFF THE ROUTE.

A case of interest to sheep-drovers and slaughtermen was heard at the Burwood Police Court yesterday, before Mr. E. L. Maitland, S.M. Inspector J. Fitzgerald, of the Strathfield Council, has been on the watch lately for drovers who break away from the regular stock routes with their sheep or cattle, and damage the roads. William Jackson was charged with using a route with a flock of sheep, other than the route prescribed by the local council, the destination of such sheep not being in the municipality. The date of the alleged offence was August 6. Defendant pleaded guilty, and it was urged in extenuation that the rainy weather had rendered the ordinary track a bad one for the sheep. A heavy penalty was not asked for on behalf of the council, which was only desirous of impressing drovers and others with the importance of keeping to the proper road. The magistrate imposed a fine of £1, with £1 1s professional costs, and 7s court costs, in default seven days' imprisonment.

LAND SELECTED.

The following statement shows the lands selected under the Crown Lands Acts during the week ended August 19, and during the seven weeks from July 1 to August 19:—

ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.

Class of Holding.	During the week ended August 19. No. of Applicants.	Area, Acres.	During the 7 weeks from July 1. No. of Applicants.	Area, Acres.
Applied for as—Original conditional purchases	26	3,524	229	35,049
Conditional leases applied for simultaneously with and in virtue of these o.c.p.'s ..	(11)	5,470	(114)	40,626
Conditional purchase leases	2	526	80	74,819
Original homestead selections	4	1,338	48	10,882
Original settlement leases	4	18,191	37	110,096
Total of new settlers	36	29,040	394	280,472
ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.				
Applied for as—Additional conditional purchases (of Crown Lds.)	18	1,698	136	15,251
Conditional leases not taken simultaneously with o.c.p.'s	40	12,742	244	75,881
Additional homestead selections.	2	910	7	3,398
Additional settlement leases	—	—	11	13,513
Total	60	15,350	398	108,043

STOCKOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Stockowners' Association of New South Wales, held yesterday, attention was drawn to the railway facilities to Walgett, and it was pointed out that the stock train leaving there on Friday was not so convenient to the Sydney sheep market, which is held every Thursday, and a request was made to the department to look into the matter and see if a stock train can be despatched from Walgett on Monday. A reply has been received from the Chief Commissioner for Railways with reference to the accommodation for stock at Werris Creek railway station. It is reported that the yards are to be repaired, and very shortly they will be remodelled, and new yards erected. A reply from the Department of Agriculture with reference to the importation of fodder from South Africa was received, and it has been notified that the shipment which has been landed is being held in one of the sheds at the wharf, and will be sterilised before being allowed to go into consumption.

NEW ZEALAND'S FORESTS.

RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING.

WELLINGTON, Aug. 21.

The report to Parliament of the Under-Secretary to the Department of Lands shows that our timber resources are rapidly being used up, and suggest that every log brought in from outside the Dominion is an economic gain to the country, instead of a menace to industry. The rapidity with which our forests are disappearing is shown in the report, and examination of the figures reveals the astonishing fact that in two short years the quantity of available milling timber has been reduced by close on eight thousand million feet.

The present supply of indigenous timber may be reckoned at about 50 years at the present rate of consumption. Although the Government has taken the matter in hand by the establishment of State plantations of timber trees, yet it must be at least from thirty to forty years before any great supply can be calculated on from this source. Under these circumstances it seems imperative to restrict the present indiscriminate sawmilling of all available forests to such a moderate extent as will ensure their gradual disappearance synchronous with the development and growth of the State plantations, so that as the one fails the other may take its place. Unless some such steps as these are immediately taken, it follows that, although for a few years the demand can be fairly well satisfied, before long there will be no reserve of native timber, and the price must rise to a figure which will seriously embarrass many of the growing industries of New Zealand.

During the year ended March 31 last, 10,389,162 seedlings were raised in the six State nurseries, while 6,440,785 trees were planted permanently at nine plantations, covering an area of 2655 acres. This brings the total planted area to 9465 acres, on which there are now growing 20,803,083 trees from two to three years old. The nurseries contain 17,904,510 trees, varying in age from one to three years, and representing a value estimated at £27,614.

The twenty million odd trees that have been planted will not all be available in the years to come. They will need very extensive thinning and trimming to enable a satisfactory crop of timber to result. In fact, it is probable that out of the five or six million trees planted annually at the present time no more than a third will eventually survive the repeated thinning processes and reach maturity. Moreover, long before they reach an age at which the best results can be expected, the scarcity of timber in New Zealand is likely to be such that there will be a general demand for the utilisation of the trees for immediate use so soon as they are in any way suitable for the requirements of our trades. Bearing in mind, therefore, only the industrial requirements of the Dominion, the present rate of planting is only sufficient for our future needs, and although the greatest efforts are being made to plant trees which will yield the best results in the shortest space of time, there are very few trees fit for milling under forty or fifty years, and even these will be much more profitable if allowed to remain in the ground another ten or twenty years. "Planting for posterity, though admirable in theory," remarks the Under-Secretary, "is inevitably attended by pressing and irresistible drawbacks in practice, and all that can be done is to harmonise the needs of the present day as far as practicable with the requirements of future generations. It is almost impossible to lay too great stress upon the importance of the work of reforestation in this country, and each year sees its importance in other lands more and more recognised by far-seeing statesmen, and greater efforts made to ensure the permanent timber supply of the nations."

MOLASSES FOR LIVE STOCK.

Mr. W. H. Webb, Bathurst, writes:—Some journals have recently published the following:—"Not less than two quarts per day of molasses may be fed with advantage to working horses for prolonged periods, the molasses diluted with three times its bulk of water, and poured over the morning and evening feeds. It is common to feed a little bran along with molasses to correct a tendency to constipation, which is said to result from feeding it. It is claimed that it is nutritious, healthful, and economical." We have had some years' experience with molasses, as a mixture with food for stock, and are surprised to see the above re constipation. It has an opposite effect with us, and proved so good that a short time since, when bran was £9 per ton at the mills, we gave up using it, and increased the quantity of molasses. Less than one-quarter of the above quantity sufficed. We once received a cask of so-called molasses, which cost 2s 6d per cask, less than the best, and it was our first and last of that sort. We estimated that it was three-parts water.

ADULTERATED FODDER.

"Sufferer" writes:—Recent correspondence in the papers points to serious adulteration, and false packing of hay, particularly lucerne hay, and the farmers have been blamed. From long experience amongst farmers, I feel sure that they are not the worst delinquents. As a rule, they pack their produce as it is cut out of the stack, and sell it accordingly. Some dealers, on the other hand, occasionally find the market go back on them, and to get out at a profit, they buy up inferior stuff and pack it with the good. I have heard of dealers carting large quantities of water to lucerne stacks they have purchased, and the day before these are cut out for pressing, crowbars are stated to have been used to make receptacles for the water, which is poured into them as it soaks out into the hay. Hay thus treated sometimes gets too much water, and then goes mouldy in the centre of the bales, and is wet when opened, hence it is easily known from old hay that has heated in the stack in a natural way, and which latter is really the best for all stock, although Sydney buyers never give the top price for it. Unfortunately, buyers of fodder get various lots, and cannot be sure of the seller of any particular one that turns out badly. All hay in bales has battens on it. If every owner was compelled to firebrand his name and address on each bale, as has been suggested, there would be some protection to buyers.

VICTORIAN SHOW.

MELBOURNE.—The Royal Agricultural Society's Show opens on Friday, and will be continued until September 5. There are thus eight show days this year, instead of the customary five. It is estimated that the aggregate number of passengers for the eight show days, if the weather proves fine, will reach somewhere near 148,000. The exhibition promises to be a splendid one. A feature of the show in recent years has been the increasing number of exhibits of machinery and implements sent in from country districts. This year they are more numerous than on any previous occasion.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

NARRABRI.—A public meeting at the instigation of landseekers and ratepayers of Narrabri district has been called by the Mayor (Alderman L. Malone) for Friday night, to urge the resumption of Killarney holding for closer settlement purposes. The full area of Killarney would not meet the present extraordinary demand for land in this district, and it is intended to ask the Minister to expedite the inspection of the estate by the advisory board, this body having been expected here some time ago. The demand for land in the Narabri district continues to increase, inquiries being particularly brisk from dairying and wheat-growing centres of Victoria.

MORTALITY AMONG CATTLE.

ALBURY.—Some travelling cattle broke into the crop of a farmer, and a number were found dead. It is supposed that death was the result of eating Cape weed, which is abundant in the paddock.

DAIRYING.

TAREE.—There was a large attendance of shareholders at the annual meeting of the Manning River Co-operative Dairy Company, at Croki, on Wednesday. The chairman of directors, Mr. Robert Malcolm, presided. The report showed that the amount paid suppliers was £40,958, being only £464 less than the same period last year. The company exported 7056 boxes, the result being a net profit of £238.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

ARIAH PARK.—Light showers fell on Saturday and Sunday, resulting in about 80 points. This fall, though light, will have a marked effect on the crops and herbage, which were showing unmistakeable effects of the dry spell.

LISMORE.—There is splendid growth of grass. Though the nights are rather cool, the days are warm and springlike, with every prospect of a record spring.

MERRYLANDS.—The grass is beginning to shoot, and fruit trees are coming into blossom. The condition of fodder crops only requires the consummation of such a spring season as is now promised to yield very heavy cuttings. Dairy cows and other stock look well.

NARRABRI.—Shearing throughout the district is progressing satisfactorily, the clip generally being clean and of good quality. Export buyers are competing keenly for fat crossbred lambs, this being apparently the principal district where they are coming forward in any numbers, the prices given for station delivery of four months' old crossbreds being from 12s to 13s.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

WAGGA.

WAGGA.—The show was brought to a conclusion on Thursday. Amongst the non-competitive displays perhaps the most meritorious, certainly the most interesting, exhibit was that made by the combined Wagga district schools. This display, in which 21 schools were represented with 1700 exhibits, was the first of its kind attempted at Wagga, and its educative effect on the minds of parents must be beneficial. The competitive element was absent, the names of the schools not being shown. One of the chief aims in bringing forward this very creditable exhibit was, as explained by Mr. W. G. Garland, headmaster of the Wagga district school, who directed the exhibit, to give the public an idea of the scope of the new methods of education.

Another fine non-competitive exhibit in the industrial hall of quite a different class was the display of cereals, grasses, wool, fruits, and vegetables made by the Wagga Experimental Farm, which was illustrative of the varied nature of the work carried out at the farm. Two of the foremost southern farmers competed for the best collection of farm produce on points. Messrs. Prevost Brothers, of Moss Vale, defeated Mr. Anthony Brunskill, of Wagga, by 16 points. But on a protest the latter was awarded first prize. One of the conditions stipulated that the competitors must cultivate not less than 100 acres, but this Prevost Brothers could not comply with. They were, however, awarded a special prize.

Mr. Miley, who hails from Harrietville, Vic., gave an exhibition display of wood chopping, when he beat his own world's record of 29s, with a log one foot in diameter, by 2s. His former record was made three years ago in Tasmania. Additional awards:—

Lady Driver.—Miss Durien (Wagga), 1; Miss M. Broadribb (Wagga), 2.

Consolation Hunters, for all beaten hunters, carrying 12st., over 4ft leaps.—James Donohue's Spencer (Donohue), (Hay), 1; Ernst Bros.'s Sunshine, 2; W. J. Weir's ch g Redleap (Narrandera), 3. Other starters: J. Davies's Miss Fitz, Ernst Bros.'s Fairlight, W. J. Weir's Redwing.

Consolation Time Handicap Trot, for all beaten trotters, 1⅛m.—T. J. Heffernan's ch g J.S., 6yrs (scr), (Heffernan), 1; C. and J. Dennis's Hazelwood (17s behind), (Dennis), 2; F. Roberts's Dan Patch (22s behind), 3. Other starters: J. M'Nickle's Dixie Cleve (30s behind); T. J. Maloney's Victory (scr), J. W. Jones' Jim, J. M'Farland's Commonwealth (scr).

Consolation Pony Hunters, for all beaten hunter ponies not exceeding 14 hands.—F. Roberts's b m Inverness (H. Roberts), 1; Ernst Brothers's Daylight, 2. Other starters: W. O'Shanassy's Hard Times, J. Street's Play, J. Cox's Shotover.

Boy rider under 15: Lindsay Irvine, Wagga.

Victoria Cross Competition.—H. L. Wilson, 1; B. L. Hutchinson, 2; M. A. Donnelly, 3.

Prize for lady who first unharnesses and harnesses horse and drives round the ring.—Miss M. Broadribb, 1; Mrs. A. Gormly, 2; Miss Watson, 3.

Champion piece of needle and fancy work in show.—Miss Carrie Johnson (Albury).

Collection of farm products, first prize £20.—A. Brunskill (Wagga), 1; Messrs. Prevost Bros. (Moss Vale), 2.

Sheep dog trial, prize money £20.—Quinn and Keith's Wren, Wassenhauer, 1; Quinn and Keith's Chrome, 2; Quinn and Keith's Sandowns, 3. Four other starters.

Log-chopping tournament, prizes £16, logs 5ft 6in in girth.—First heat: J. L. Jackson, 30sec behind, 1; C. Miley, 50sec behind, 2. Second heat: E. Winnell, scratch, 1; A. Hodges, 15sec behind, 2. Final: C. Miley, 50sec behind, 1; J. Jackson, 30sec behind, 2.

GRENFELL.

GRENFELL.—General entries closed on Wednesday evening for the Grenfell P. A. and H. Association annual show, to be held September 2 and 3 next. The entries exceed any previous year, horses, sheep, agricultural products, and home products being particularly numerous. The town is taxed to its utmost to provide accommodation. A new trotting track has been formed, and everything points to a most successful show. The special cheap trains on Thursday from Cowra and Young are expected to be well patronised. The district looks splendid, and a number of farmers state that prospects for the coming crop never looked better.

TRUNDLE.

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GEORGE ADAMS'S WILL.

JUDGMENT OF THE HIGH COURT.

MR. JUSTICE STREET UPHELD.

The judgment of the Full Bench of the High Court in the matter of the will of the late Mr. George Adams was delivered yesterday.

This appeal was by the Attorney-General of New South Wales against so much of an order of the Supreme Court of New South Wales as declared that the whole of the charitable trusts and trusts in favour of charities, or for charitable, benevolent, or philanthropic purposes or institutions, in Adams's will were null and void for uncertainty so far as the order is consequent on that declaration. The ground was that such trusts were valid and enforceable. The matter was before Mr. Justice Street in the Equity Court during the latter part of last year, a number of questions being propounded for his Honor's consideration. Amongst them was the following:—"Whether the charitable trusts or the trusts in favour of charities, or for charitable, benevolent, or philanthropic purposes or institutions, contained in the said will are, or any of them, void for uncertainty or otherwise."

The Chief Justice in his judgment said the appeal was by the Attorney-General of New South Wales from so much of the judgment of Mr. Justice Street as declared that the whole of the charitable trusts in favour of charity or for charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes or institutions contained in the will of the late George Adams was void for uncertainty. The law applicable to the case had now been settled for more than 100 years, but he would refer to comparatively recent judgments, in which it was laid down in very plain terms, and would then apply them to the circumstances of this case. The material phrases of the will were set out in the case, and gave the very widest power to the trustees; they were empowered to give moneys to charities, and to have free and unfettered jurisdiction in that respect, and declared that the receipt of the treasurer or other responsible officer of any institution or society should be sufficient acknowledgment for the trustees, and it should not be incumbent upon the trustees to give or keep receipts for any other moneys paid or distributed under the trust, and the trustees should not be liable in any way to account to any person whatsoever, whether interested or not, and so on. The question, then, was whether under the language of the testator the trustees could apply any part of the funds to purposes which were not charitable in the sense in what was understood in a court of law. A great number of purposes no doubt were charitable, but the difficulty arose in respect of two or three words. The first gift had four different objects; first, "such charitable, benevolent, or philanthropic institutions as my trustees may think deserving of support." The words were disjunctive. It was held more than 100 years ago that a gift for benevolent purposes was too vague, and would not be supported as giving a charitable gift. Again, it was held in re Macduff (1896, 2 Ch. Div., 269) that gifts for philanthropic purposes were too vague, and could not be supported. In the clear language of this will the trustees could spend part or the whole of this money on what they considered charitable purposes and gifts to benevolent or philanthropic institutions, and neither of those would be charitable objects within the technical and legal meaning of the term. They could spend all the money on purely charitable purposes. An attempt was made during the argument to show that the word "benevolent" might be read as being limited to objects that were purely charitable. That argument had been addressed to many Courts in England, and much as he should like to accept it there was a great array of authorities to say it could not be supported. With respect to the word philanthropic, he had tried to distinguish between philanthropic institutions and purposes, and could not do so. On that ground, then, it must be seen that the gift must fail from the very objects being expressed in the disjunctive. The second class was "such person or persons for the time being in any State or colony to whom the gift would be a benefit, and whom my trustees may consider deserving of support." He thought that from these words, coupled with other words in the will—particularly those expressing the wish that the trustees should have an absolutely free and unfettered hand in the distribution of the moneys, that they should not be called to account by any persons, and not take receipts—it was clear that the testator intended to give them absolute discretion to dispose of any part in gifts to persons, whether they were in distress or not. It appeared clear that the testator intended to give the trustees power to dispose of any part of the fund that they thought fit, and this was confirmed by the other charitable direction that the fund might be applied in aiding or assisting any persons whatsoever to whom in the opinion of the trustees a gift might be made. It was a most laudable purpose, but not a charitable one in the sense in which that term was used in a court of justice. For these reasons he was clear that this appeal must fail, and that the decision of the learned Judge in the Court below must be upheld. It was, however, contended that the context of the will might control these words. He had carefully looked to the context to see if anything might be found therein to limit the meaning of those general words, so as to confine the powers of the trustees in disposing of the money for benevolent purposes. The only part that could be found was that part which related to any surplus remaining over after satisfying the principal objects. It was disposed of to the trustees upon and subject to the trusts, directions, and provisions hereinafter contained. He could, however, find nothing which limited the powers of the trustees, and for these reasons he thought the appeal must fail. So far as the costs went, he was of the opinion that the Attorney-General should neither pay nor receive costs.

Mr. Justice Barton said it seemed to him from the beginning to the end of the argument that this trust, if it were a good one, had placed the trustees in the position of discriminating between charitable and other institutions. It had been the endeavour of the testator, as Mr Justice Street had said, to be as good as good could be, and he had endeavoured to extend his benevolence to the utmost possible limit, with the result that he had gone beyond the limit of those things which the law recognised as charity. Cases were numerous in which the words charitable institutions or purposes were separated by the disjunctive from other purposes. Here the widest powers were given, and the cases laid it down that where there was a limitation of charitable purposes from the other purposes, which on fair construction of the will, were aggregated from the purposes which were strictly charitable, then, however benevolent or philanthropic or wise they might be, the discretion given to the trustees to apply the fund to these purposes outside the ordinary legal acceptation of charities, would fail. In such cases there was nothing which the Court could seize upon to administer, nothing upon which it could found a scheme or plan, and the trust, therefore, failed. His Honor quoted a large number of cases upholding this one, and, in conclusion, held that the appeal must be dismissed.

Mr. Justice O'Connor said it had not been disputed that the bequests under consideration must fail for uncertainty unless they could be supported as bequests for charitable purposes within the meaning of the law. There was no doubt that testator regarded all the purposes enumerated in that portion of the will under consideration as charitable, and they were so in the popular sense of that word. But the Courts had for centuries restricted the class of purposes which they regarded as charitable. The trustees had clearly an absolute discretion to apply the whole fund to any of the purposes enumerated, and if any of those purposes might include objects that were not charitable in the legal sense the whole bequest would be void. He was of opinion that the words "benevolent or philanthropic," taken in connection with the wide discretion of the trustees, rendered the whole bequest for charitable purposes void. The testator's scheme of disposition of his property showed a broad-minded intention to benefit the sore, the sick, the suffering, and the deserving, and he regretted that the law compelled him to hold that it could not legally be carried out.

Mr. Justice Isaacs, in his judgment, examined the law at length, and thought the bequest could not be supported, though personally he shared the regret that an intention so generous to so large an extent strictly charitable should fail, but the law was clear.

Mr. Justice Higgins said there were no definite objects of the trust named directly or by description, and the trust would be void for uncertainty, unless it could be shown that it admitted of no objects other than those which were "charitable" in the sense recognised by the law. He agreed in his judgment with the conclusions of the other portion of the Bench.

Appeal therefore dismissed.

It was mentioned that the other appeals, Harvey and others v Barry and others, Adams v Harvey and others, and Page v Barry and others, would, by arrangement, be withdrawn, and after some argument on the question of costs an order was made that the costs of respondents in all the cases, not including those of the Attorney-General, should be taxed and paid in accordance with the agreement between the parties.

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LAW REPORT.

SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IN BANCO.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Cohen, and Mr. Justice Pring.)

MOTION FOR AN INJUNCTION.

Walker v Peel Shire Council.

Mr. James, instructed by Mr. Theo. England, of Tamworth (by his agents, Messrs. Robberds and England), appeared for William Walker, of Apleby, Peel River, farmer, and moved ex parte for an injunction under section 179 of the Common Law Procedure Act, to restrain the Peel Shire Council from using and fencing in a portion of his property on the bank of the Peel River, under section 80 of the Local Government Act, for the purposes of a temporary road pending the restoration of the bridge across the river. Applicant stated that the council had already fenced in a portion of the land for the purpose stated, and he feared that the result would be that the river bank would be cut into by the traffic; and when a freshet or flood occurred in that river the alluvial flat would be washed away or seriously damaged. He also submitted that it was not necessary for the public convenience that this particular piece of his land should be taken, and that the council, acting upon the discretion which it possessed under the Act, could utilise another piece of his land, which he had offered to them, and which would be quite sufficient for the purpose. He also stated that he had issued a writ in an action against the defendants to obtain compensation for trespass upon and fencing the land in question, and in the meantime he desired to obtain an injunction to restrain them from proceeding with the work now in hand. Mr. James contended that where there was a reasonable expectation of damage the Court would grant an injunction, and if subsequently the council showed that only this particular piece of land would be of any use to them for the temporary road, they could have the injunction dissolved. No harm, therefore, would be done to the council or the public, which would not be set right in a short time, whereas if the land in question was used very considerable damage might be done to the plaintiff's property.

The Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Cohen and Mr. Justice Pring concurring) said there was no doubt that the council had complete discretion to make a temporary road through any land, but still they must exercise their statutory right in a reasonable manner. If there were two ways in which they might exercise the right, one of which would do no injury to the owner of the land, while the other might do him irreparable injury, the Court could grant an ex parte injunction to prevent the council exercising the right in a way that might do the owner of the land irreparable damage. If the council, however, desired at any time to move to set aside the injunction the Court would arrange for a sitting to deal with the matter.

Application granted.

A SOLICITOR CALLED ON.

Re A. J. Gilcreest.

Mr. Hanbury Davies, instructed by Mr. T. Michell, appeared for the Law Institute. Mr. Hammond, instructed by Messrs. Russell and Russell, appeared for the respondent, Michael James Gilcreest, solicitor, of Forbes, who had been called upon to answer certain affidavits bearing upon his alleged neglect as one of the executors of the late Mrs. Westphalen, of Parkes, tobacconist, to pay to Alice Anna Orth, granddaughter of the testator, the sum of £100, bequeathed to her in the will.

The Prothonotary (Mr. C. R. Walsh) reported that, pursuant to the direction of the Court, on August 18 last he prepared and sent a notice to respondent calling upon him to attend the Court personally to-day for the purpose of answering the matters contained in the affidavit of John David Edward Lambeth (managing clerk to Mr. F. H. King, solicitor for Alice Anna Orth), a copy of which had been served personally upon Mr. Gilcreest on July 23 last, and also the matters contained in a communication made to the Court by Mr. Justice Street, copy of which had also been served upon respondent. He had also intimated to respondent that on his attendance before the Court he would be required to produce his bank book and accounts between October 1, 1903, and the present time. He had received from the sheriff a report made by one of his officers, to the effect that the notice and copy of Mr. Justice Street's letter had been served personally upon respondent on the 20th instant.

The Chief Justice: Is Mr. Gilcreest in court?

Mr. Hammond: No, your Honor.

The Chief Justice: He was called upon to appear personally to-day.

Mr. Hammond said that a telegram was sent to him yesterday by Mr. Russell requesting his attendance personally this morning, and in reply a telegram had been received that morning stating that respondent had received the telegram too late to catch the train, and instructing counsel to ask for an adjournment.

The Chief Justice: Until when?

Mr. Hammond: He suggests three weeks.

The Chief Justice: Oh, that is perfectly ridiculous.

Mr. Hammond: Respondent says that he cannot answer the affidavit in the time given him.

The Chief Justice: According to the affidavit filed application was made to him time after time to pay over this legacy. He did not even appear before Mr. Justice Street in regard to the matter, which came before him in the Probate Court, and he said now that he had not had sufficient time to answer the affidavits, though he has had a week already.

Mr. Hammond: I have no instructions whatever beyond what I have told the Court.

Mr. Justice Cohen: Respondent has filed no affidavit?

Mr. Hammond: No.

The Chief Justice: Have you got Mr. Russell's telegram to respondent?

Mr. Hammond: No, but I have a copy. It informs the respondent: "You must attend personally to-morrow; bring bankbooks." In reply Mr. Russell this morning received a telegram in the following words: "Telegram received too late to catch train."

The Chief Justice: We have instructed Mr. Walsh to send a telegram to this gentleman at Forbes informing him that the Court, at the request of his counsel, has adjourned the case until to-morrow, and that his attendance is required in court on that day, otherwise he will be then and there struck off the roll.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen, Mr. Justice Pring, and Mr. Justice Sly.)

A CONVEYANCE OR A CONTRACT?

APPEAL UNDER THE STAMP DUTIES ACT.

Re G. W. B. Ring and J. Cunningham (appellants), Commissioner for Stamps (respondent).

Mr. Ralston, K.C., and Mr. Barton, instructed by Messrs. Norton, Smith, and Co., appeared for the appellants; and Mr. Rolin, instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. J. V. Tillett), for the respondent Commissioner for Stamps. The case for both parties has already been stated, and it arose out of the sale by G. W. B. Ring, trustee of the estate of the late George Alexander Cruickshank, to James Cunningham, of a pastoral holding in the Moree district. The Commissioner of Stamp Duties assessed the stamp duty on certain documents at the sum of £123, being the sum of £3 on the real property transfer, £110 on the deed of conveyance at common law, and the sum of £1 each on the transfers under the Crown Lands Act, being of opinion that the real consideration for the deed of conveyance and assignment was the sum of £22,000, and that the transfers were separate instruments for completing the title to James Cunningham. The latter had paid the sum of £123 under protest, claiming that the sum of £114 and no more was the proper stamp duty on the instruments. The question for the consideration of the Court was whether the Commissioner of Stamp Duties was right in assessing the instruments at the sum of £123.

After argument,

The Court held that the Commissioner for Stamps was perfectly right in the conclusion at which he had arrived, and in assessing £110 as the duty on the common law deed, but the decision of the Court must be understood as limited to the facts of this particular case. The Court was not called upon to consider what might or might not be the effect of these transfers under the Land Acts, and the stamp duty payable upon them, where there was no common law conveyance. All it said was that as far as this case was concerned the estate in the conditionally purchased lands was transferred, not by the 10 documents or instruments referred to in the case, but by the common law conveyance. The amount involved in the appeal was only £9, but apparently transactions of this nature were frequently carried out by instruments such as the Court had before it in the present case, and therefore it became a question of importance as between the persons who paid the duty and the officials who had to collect it.

Question answered in the affirmative, and appeal dismissed, with costs.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

(Before Judge Heydon.)

COASTAL STEAMER CONDITIONS.

The case of the Merchant Service Guild of Australia v New South Wales Coastal Steamship Owners' Association was continued.

Mr. W. M. Hughes and Mr. D. R. Hall, instructed by Messrs. Beeby and Moffatt, appeared for the claimant union; and Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. H. de Y. Scroggie, for the respondent union.

Additional evidence was tendered, and the case stands part heard.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Acting Registrar, Mr. F. H. Salusbury.)

CREDITOR'S PETITION.

London Bank of Australia, Limited, v Maude Annie Irving, of Cassala, Penrith. Petition to be heard on September 4.

SINGLE MEETING.

Re Amelia Melinda Luck. Bankrupt was examined by the official assignee, and the matter was then adjourned to September 10, accounts to be filed in the meantime.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Rogers.)

ANDREWS v KURINGAI SHIRE COUNCIL.

Mr. Blacket, instructed by Mr. H. C. Ellison Rich, appeared for the plaintiff, Sarah Jane Andrews, of Grosvenor-road, Wahroonga; Mr. Shand, K.C., and Mr. Monahan, instructed by Mr. G. Crichton Smith, appeared for the defendant, the Council of the Kuringai Shire. The action was instituted for the recovery of £75 by way of compensation for damage caused to plaintiff's property. Plaintiff charged that the defendant shire council wrongfully cut certain drains and made certain embankments in and upon Grosvenor-road, and wrongfully caused large quantities of water to collect upon the road, and to flow on to her property, washing away the surface soil, and destroying a lawn and garden. On a second count plaintiff sued that the defendant shire council negligently constructed certain roads and drains and culverts, and thereby collected and brought on to her land a great quantity of water, and "negligently concentrated into one channel water which otherwise would have flowed past and beyond the land of plaintiff, and negligently omitted to make a proper and sufficient drain to carry the water past or through plaintiff's land."

The defendant council paid into court £10 in satisfaction of the whole of plaintiff's claim; the council also denied liability.

The case stands part heard.

LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

At 10.30 a.m.—For hearing: Goodwin v Phillips; Maloney v Maloney.

In Chambers.—Before Mr. Justice Barton.—At 2 p.m.: Roberts v Roberts and Moffatt, Ltd., and others.

SUPREME COURT.

Term List.—For judgment: In re E. G. M. Cohen, gent. one, etc., ex parte Incorporated Law Institute (to answer affidavits, etc). Crown cases: Rex v George Beattie; Rex v Christopher Marriott and John Marriott. Motion: In re gent. one, etc. (to answer affidavits, etc.).

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Chief Clerk.—Schuler v Schuler, 10.15 a.m.; Rhodes v Rhodes, Henderson co-respondent, 10.15 a.m.; Collins v Collins, 10.20 a.m.; Credgington v Credgington, 10.20 a.m.

In Vice-Admiralty.—Before his Honor the Judge Commissary.—Albertson and others v the Arawatta, 9.45 a.m.

Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m.: Queripel v Harrison, special case; ex parte Thompson, to draw up deeds.

In Equity.—Before the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.—Motions generally: Milliner v Milliner, for judgment and further hearing; Smith v Kitt, motion for injunction; re Annie M. Culhane and others, infants, summons for appointment of guardian; Gregg v McMaster, originating summons; McDonald v Alcorn, originating summons; Phelps v Pederzoli, originating summons; McDouall v Croft, further consideration; Perpetual Trustee Co. v Barrett, originating summons.

Before Mr. Justice Street (No. 1 Jury Court).—At 10.15 a.m.: Bourke v Bourke, part heard.

Before the Master in Equity.—At 12 noon: Will of D. Cooper and C. and L. of P. Act, to settle certificate of result of sale. At 12.30 p.m.: John Shanahan and C. and L. of P. Act, to settle minutes of order. At 12.45 p.m.: Palmer v Wiley, to settle minutes of decree. At 2 p.m.: Re Estate of L. Haigh, to approve of order for payment out. At 2.15 p.m.: Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society and Companies Act, to read over evidence.

Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Re Will of Jane Robison, to tax costs; same, ditto. At 2 p.m.: Campbell v A.M.P. Society, to tax costs. At 3 p.m.: McQuade v Whitfeld, to settle minutes of order; same v same, to settle minutes of decree.

Probate Jurisdiction.—The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—Isaac Beattie, 10.15; Mary Ann Gorton, 10.30; Harriett Southall, 10.30; Edwin Daintrey, 11; Abraham Cohen, 11.30.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce (in No. 1 Jury Court).—At 11: Alexander v Alexander.

In Bankruptcy.—Before his Honor the Judge (No. 1 Jury Court).—At 10 a.m.: Re Edward Skelton Garton; ex parte John Kilgour; appeal from order of Acting Registrar of 10/8/'08 (for judgment).

Before the Acting Registrar.—At 10 a.m.—Creditor's petition: William Burns v Frederick William Probst.

Before the Chief Clerk.—At 10.30 a.m.—Taxation of official assignee's costs: Robert Millett.

In Lunacy.—Before the Master.—At 10 a.m.: Re insane patient, for directions. At 10.30 a.m.: Re insane patient, for directions. At 10.45 a.m.: Re insane patient, for directions. At 11.30 a.m.: Re insane patient, as to claim.

Before the Chief Clerk.—At 3 p.m.: Re incapable person, to vouch accounts.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

Probate Courthouse.—Before Judge Heydon.—At 10 a.m.—For hearing: Summonses for penalty for breaches of award—Johnstone v Sawyer, Wherest v Milne Bros., same v same, same v same, same v E. C. Griffiths, same v Mort's Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd., same v same.

Industrial Registrar's Office.—Before the Registrar.—At 2 p.m.—For hearing: Re Sawmill Award, appeal under clause 12, re T. Dunn and J. Earley (part heard).

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Rogers, K.C.—At 10 a.m.: Examination of judgment debtors (in chambers in No. 2 court); George and George, Limited, v Hooke, Tallermann v. Collins. Motions generally, in No. 1 court.—Murdock, Limited, v Robinson, Jones and another v Shand. Cause.—Andrews v the Council of the Kuring-gai Shire (part heard), not before 10.15 a.m.

Note.—On Tuesday, and until further notice, a second Court will sit in No. 2 court, for the hearing of actions for trial without a jury, commencing with actions postponed from the present sittings. The hearing of actions for trial with a jury will be continued on Monday, in No. 1 court. The undefended list of actions set down for September sittings will be called over in No. 1 court on Tuesday, at 10 a.m.

POLICE COURTS.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

ALLEGED BREAKING AND ENTERING.

Frank Williams, 27, porter, was charged at the Central Police Court before Mr. King, D.S.M., yesterday, with being found by night on the premises of John Hurley, known as the Lismore Hotel, 343 Pitt-street, with intent to commit a felony.

Constable Hinckesman deposed that he arrested accused, who was endeavouring to enter the Lismore Hotel by means of a window on the first floor. Accused was committed to take his trial at the Quarter Sessions, on August 31.

Williams was further charged with burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling of Richard Gant, at 819 George-street, on the morning of July 30, with intent to commit a felony therein.

Richard Gant, licensee of the Grand Hotel, said that he was awakened at night, on July 30, by hearing a noise at his door. He jumped out of bed, and found a man, whom he believed to be accused, crouching near a bed in the next room. Williams rushed at him with a chair, and after a struggle escaped through a window.

Harold Green, barman in the Railway Hotel, stated that Williams engaged room No. 25 in the hotel on July 29, and left the next morning.

On this charge Williams was also committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions, bail in each case being allowed, self in £40, and two sureties of £20 each.

INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION ACT.

Before Mr. King, D.S.M., at the Central Police Court, yesterday, James Neeson, alias White, alias Wilson, alias Wright, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment under the Influx of Criminals Prevention Act of 1903.

FURIOUS DRIVING.

At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. King, D.S.M., Albert Bishop, 26, labourer, was fined 40s, or 14 days, for furiously driving a horse attached to a spring van in George-street, to the danger of the public, on August 26. Bishop explained that four American sailors got in his cart and took possession of it.

A HOLIDAY MELEE.

At the North Sydney Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., Harold Goddard, 21, and Lawrence John Foran, 23, were charged with being drunk and disorderly in Lawry-parade, Mosman, on the 24th inst, and with having assaulted William Watts on the same date. Foran was further charged with assaulting Reginald Davis at Mosman on the same date. Frank Thompson, picnic ground proprietor, said that the accused were on his grounds without permission, and were both drunk. They went to the pavilion, where there were other people, and while there Foran struck Watts first, and was followed by Goddard. Goddard then struck and kicked Davis. William Watts said that he was in the pavilion, when he was struck by someone and rendered insensible. Reginald Davis said that he was engaged playing the piano in the pavilion, and then went on to the verandah, where he was assaulted, getting a black eye, besides kicks in the face, by someone. Other witnesses deposed to the assaults. Goddard and Foran both denied striking anyone. Goddard, for being drunk and disorderly, was fined 15s, or in default four days' gaol, and for assaulting Watts was sentenced to two months' imprisonment. Foran, for being drunk and disorderly, was fined 20s, or seven days' goal, for assaulting Watts was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and for assaulting Davis was again sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

LARRIKINISM AT PADDINGTON.

Charles Egan pleaded not guilty yesterday at Paddington to having behaved riotously in Hargrave-street, Paddington, on August 13. Constable M'Murray said that defendant, with a number of others, was creating a disturbance outside an hotel. They were jostling one another and expectorating on the footpath. Defendant, witness stated, was continuously about street corners, and rarely did any work. Egan had been convicted previously for minor offences. He was ordered to be imprisoned for four days with hard labour.

OUTSIDE THE STADIUM.

Daniel O'Neill, 30, no occupation, was charged yesterday at the Paddington Police Court with having used indecent language, also with having assaulted Constable W. E. Foster whilst in the execution of his duty on August 21. Constable Foster stated that when he tried to arrest O'Neill, who was drunk, defendant struck him on the nose, and also kicked him in the shin. There was a crowd outside the Stadium, where the offences took place. It was O'Neill's first offence. For the language defendant was fined £3, or one month, and for the assault £5, or two months.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Water Police Court yesterday Charlie Wong was charged with stealing on August 16 the sum of £24 5s 3d, belonging to a co-partnership, trading as Yuen and Lee, of which he was a member.

Harry Yuen, a grocer, in business at 72 Oxford-street, city, gave evidence that he and accused traded as Yuen and Lee. Accused had nothing to do with the business beyond taking his share of the profits. Witness went out all day on the 16th, and on returning met accused, who told him someone had broken into the shop. That morning witness left £24 5s 3d in the shop. Accused subsequently told him that the police were blaming him (accused) for the loss of the money, and offered to make it good.

Constable F. Anderson stated that he told accused of the theft, and accused denied taking the money. Wong said he had no money, but afterwards threw away five sovereigns and some silver. When questioned he said he did it "for a lark."

Wong was committed for trial at the next Quarter Sessions, commencing on September 28, bail being allowed.

A DEAL IN BAGS.

At the Water Police Court yesterday Frank M'Carthy, 17, labourer, and Thomas Walsh, 17, labourer, were charged with stealing a quantity of bags, valued at 35s, the property of the Australian Gaslight Company, at Sydney, between August 1 and 3. Constable Carman stated that M'Carthy told him that he, Walsh, and another boy took the bags, and sold them for 15s. Witness also saw Walsh, who said he took the bags, but no one else was there.

Walsh elected to be dealt with summarily, and was fined £2, in default one month, and M'Carthy was committed for trial, bail being allowed.

IN THE CROWD.

A CHEMIST COMMITTED.

David Millie Arnott, a chemist, of North Sydney, was charged at the Water Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr. Donaldson with attempting to steal from persons unknown on August 26.

Sergeant M'Intosh deposed that he and Constable Kelly were in George-street, in front of Lassetter's shop, on the date in question. The crowd was very thick, and a woman pointed accused out to them. They watched him, and saw him catch a woman's dress, and attempt to put his hand in her pocket. When they arrested him, he said, "For God's sake. This will ruin me."

Mr. J. W. Abigail, who appeared for accused, called several witnesses, who gave evidence as to Arnott's good character.

Accused was committed for trial, bail being allowed, self in £40, and one surety in £40.

LICENSING COURT.

Before Messrs. Smithers, S.M., Payten, S.M., Donaldson, S.M., and King, D.S.M., at the Central Licensing Court, the following transfer was granted:—

George Lawrence, Grand Hotel, Cumberland-street, to Robert Shaw.

ROBBERIES IN THE SUBURBS.

Mr. D. S. Drayton has reported to the police that his residence at 157 Parramatta-road, Annandale, was entered on Monday during the absence of the inmates, and a quantity of jewellery, valued at £12, was stolen. Entrance was effected by breaking a glass window in the front door and forcing the catch.

Mr. W. Doherty's residence in Livingstone-road, Marrickville, was also entered on Monday by thieves who forced the lock of a window and made off with clothing valued at £15.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Public holidays have been proclaimed as under:—Thursday, Sept. 3, Albury electorate; Wednesday, Sept. 9, districts of Coolamon, Corowa, Geurie, Marysvale, Windora, Comobella, Godan, Ponto, and Suntop; Wednesday, October 14, police districts of Tumut and Gundagai.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

TENDERS RECEIVED.

The following tenders have been received by the Tender Board of the Public Works Department:—

Repairs and Painting, Court-house, Richmond.—John M'Donald, Albert-street, Leichhardt (lowest), £45 4s 6d; H. A. Baglee, £53; J. Adam, £54; F. W. Beaumont, £58 10s 6d (in writing) £50 10s 6d; E. N. Drayton, £67 15s 9d; E. J. Cadden, £76; J. Parker, £78 10s; R. Baldwin, £78 15s; A. A. Thwaite, £97 10s; S. J. Stead, £100; J. Wilson, £103; G. Donaldson, £115; Steel Brothers, £124.

General Repairs, Ordnance Buildings, Circular Quay.—John Fenton, Botany-street, Randwick (lowest), £19; W. Greenfield, £23 5s; A. A. Thwaite, £38 10s.

Manufacture, Supply, and Delivery of Five 5-ton Steel Gentry Cranes.—Poole and Steel, Stephen-street, Balmain (lowest), £545; H. Vale and Sons, £595; White Bay Steel Works, Limited, £625; Rodgers Brothers, £675; J. Hodkinson and Co., £797; M'Euen and Co., £828.

General Repairs and Painting, Police Station, Berry.—J. M'Donald, Albert-street, Leichhardt (lowest), £72 8s; G. F. Cole, £77 10s; S. J. Stead, £80; Jas. Wilson, £80; A. A. Thwaite, £83; Geo. Gilliam, £90; S. Elliott, £130.

Supply and Delivery of Timber for Berths 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Newcastle Harbour.—Three tenders; to be reported on.

General Repairs, Military Buildings, Parramatta.—Three tenders; to be reported on.

Erection of Scabies Isolation Ward, Benevolent Asylum, Rookwood.—Seven tenders; to be reported on.

Supply and Erection of Pumping Machinery, Water Supply, Singleton.—Five tenders; to be reported on.

BORN WITH BAD ECZEMA,

Which Spread Over Body, Head, and Limbs.—No Rest or Sleep for Mother or Child.—Doctor would not let Him be Bathed.—Cured by Cuticura.

"My little boy was born with his legs and the lower part of his body covered with eczema. The doctor gave me a lotion for it, and told me not to wash the little one. I carried out my orders until his head, face, and shoulders were covered with the humour. Then I informed the doctor that the lotion was doing no good. He gave me a different lotion and an ointment, but still insisted on saying not to bathe the baby. I used the remedies, but he got no better. There was no rest, no sleep, for baby nor myself, and I was worn out. Baby was very thin, and seemed to be getting worse every day. I resolved to give the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment a trial. I am thankful to-day that I did, for one set cured him. He is as fat now and sleeps as well as any child of fifteen months, and I still use Cuticura Soap for his bath.—Mrs. Gauld, Oldboghead, Rothienorman, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Jan. 15, 1908."—Advt.

For Children's Hacking Cough at night, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d.—Advt.

DEPUTATIONS.

HURSTVILLE RAILWAY MATTERS.

A deputation, consisting of the Mayor and several aldermen of Hurstville, waited on the Chief Commissioner for Railways on Wednesday relative to improvements at stations located in the Hurstville municipality, and also for an improved train service. The Chief Commissioner promised to consider the requests, and said when the business warranted he would make such improvements as would be deemed necessary to cope with it. In connection with the request for an improved train service, the preparation of the summer time-table would shortly be undertaken, and the representations made on the subject would then be taken into consideration. In regard to the application for additional entrances to stations, he said one entrance to a station, placed in a position convenient to the majority of the passengers using the station, should be ample, and from a business point of view a number of entrances was most objectionable.

DARLING HARBOUR RAILWAY BUSINESS.

A deputation representing the Master Carriers' Association waited on the Railway Commissioners yesterday, respecting the recent regulation altering the time for the receipt of goods for despatch by rail at Darling Harbour from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. They pointed out the inconvenience the new arrangement caused carriers generally, and asked that the old system be reverted to. Reference was also made to the conduct of the business generally at Darling Harbour.

The Chief Commissioner, in reply, said that the information which had been submitted to him in regard to the outwards business transacted at Darling Harbour between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. in connection with the month of June, which was the last month in which goods were received for despatch at 8 a.m., showed that the average daily number of consignments was 29, and the average quantity 30 tons. From this information, it did not appear to him that the carriers were inconvenienced to any extent by the altered arrangement, while the alteration had proved satisfactory from a departmental point of view. He recognised the difficulties experienced at Darling Harbour, and he was doing his utmost to have them remedied. He promised to look into several matters of detail mentioned.

THE WOOLLAHRA TRAGEDY.

A MARRIED WOMAN'S DEATH.

Mr. Stephen Murphy held an inquest yesterday concerning the death of a married woman named Sarah Dansey, 37, lately living with her husband in Grafton-street, Woollahra, which took place while she was being conveyed by the Civil Ambulance from her residence to St. Vincent's Hospital, on August 22, from the effects of a knife wound in the throat.

Mr. H. A. Moss appeared on behalf of the relatives of deceased.

Frederick William Dansey, deceased's husband, stated that he was sitting talking to his wife at 12.30 on Saturday morning last, before retiring to rest, when she said to him: "I've taken it." Witness asked her what she meant, and she replied: "What I promised you I would destroy." He understood she referred to some opium. He noticed that she had a strange look about the eyes, and he persuaded her to take an emetic of salt and water. He also gave her a cup of strong coffee, and she vomited. She appeared to be better, and they went to bed, and next morning witness prepared to go to work. As he was getting dressed his wife asked him to go out to the laundry and get a shilling from a shelf. He went out to the laundry, but could not find the shilling. When he returned to the bedroom he found his wife lying on the bed with her throat cut. He immediately sent for a doctor, and informed the police.

Witness said that he had been married to deceased for about three years, and they had often quarrelled. They had not quarrelled on the night previous to her death, and the last time they had had words with each other was about a week previously. She had on several occasions said she would take her own life, and about a fortnight before her death he found her with one of his razors. He struggled with her, and took it from her. After this he hid his razors.

Cross-examined by Mr. Moss, witness said that after shaving himself on the morning of his wife's death he put his razor on the mantelpiece in the bedroom where his wife was. The knife, produced, was in a drawer of the sideboard. He never struck his wife nor bruised her arms a week before her death.

He admitted that before he married his present wife he was married to another woman. He had been charged with bigamy in connection with the matter. He refused to say where his first wife was living. His second wife had shown him a bruise on her arm, which, he said, might have been caused when he was holding her down, attempting to prevent her from kicking him.

Constable Poole, of Waverley, stated that he found Mrs. Dansey lying on the bed with her arms spread out, and her throat cut. He found a carving knife covered with blood at the side of the bed. In her right hand she grasped two rings. Witness saw a little blood on Mr. Dansey's right hand, and asked him how it came there. Mr. Dansey said he had got it on when he rushed to take the knife away from his wife.

Dr. Sheldon said he made a post-mortem examination on the body of deceased. She had a cut in the throat about six inches long, and, in his opinion, death was due to loss of blood. The wound could have been self-inflicted.

At this point the inquest was adjourned until Saturday morning.

MANILLA.

Mrs. C. Baker, Caramlea, New Mexico, via Manilla, N.S.W., writes:—"We use Dr. Sheldon's New Discovery in the family for colds and other chest troubles, and can highly recommend it as a good cough medicine."

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Mrs. Josephson. (From a Photo.)

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Mrs. Parker. (From a Photo.)

BIRTHS.

M'DONALD.—August 17, 1908, at Clinton, Darlinghurst, the wife of Rev. L. J. M'Donald—a daughter.
SCOTT.—August 26, at Manila, P.I., Florence May, wife of P. Macdonnel Scott, late of Sydney, of a son.
WHITFORD.—April 16, 1908, at Pakea Island, the wife of Frank Whitford—a son (Donald).

MARRIAGES.

LUNDBERG—AITKEN.—July 1, at the Campbell-street Presbyterian Church, Balmain, Sydney, by the Rev. John Fender Blair, Axel Lundberg to Maggie Aitken, daughter of Donald Aitken, formerly of Glasgow, Scotland.

DEATHS.

BERWICK.—August 27, 1908, at his daughter's residence, Mrs. H. Hart, Ashbourne, Wyatt-avenue, Burwood, Thomas Berwick, senior, aged 90 years.
BUCHANAN.—August 27, 1908, at Prince Alfred Hospital, Eva Buchanan, youngest daughter of William S. Buchanan, aged 7 months.
CASH.—August 27, at Nurse Aldridge's, Carlton, Violet Nellie, beloved only daughter of George and V. M. Cash, of Melbourne, aged 1 year and 7 months.
CHILD.—Died at Woodville, near West Maitland, on August 25, 1908, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mary Anne, widow of the late Rev. Coles Child, aged 83 years.
McINERNEY.—August 20, from falling over the cliffs at South Head, Alfred John McInerney, beloved and only son of Eliza and the late James McInerney, of 441 Riley-street, Surry Hills. Deeply regretted. May he rest in peace. He leaves a large family to mourn their great loss.
M'KINLAY.—August 22, Robert M'Kinlay, of Golspie, aged 67 years.
MITCHELL.—August 27, at the residence of her son, 719 Bourke-street, Mrs. Julia Mitchell, aged 66. R.I.P.
RILEY.—August 27, 1908, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Florence Constance Riley, dearly loved daughter of John and Sarah Riley, aged 22 years.
ROBERTSON.—August 27, at Springwood, James Robertson, late of Drummoyne, aged 53. Funeral Saturday afternoon.
SOMERVILLE.—August 27, 1908, at her residence, 120 Denison-street, Waverley, beloved wife of George Somerville, aged 28 years.
WALNER.—August 27, at her residence, Mt. Wilson, Bell Lally, beloved wife of F. R. Walner, aged 63 years, eldest daughter of the late Mrs. Dykes, Cullenbone, Mudgee. Interment, Mudgee. Home papers please copy.

IN MEMORIAM.

BRISBANE.—In sad but loving memory of my dear father, who died August 28, at his late residence, Darling-street, Glebe.
Rest, dearest father, sweetly rest,
They miss you most who love you best.
Father, dear, we miss you sadly,
Since the time you passed away;
But through God we hope to meet you
In heaven, bright, eternal land.
Inserted by his loving son George Brisbane.
BRISBANE.—In loving memory of my dear father, John Brisbane, who departed this life August 28, 1907, aged 84 years.
Good was his heart, in friendship sound,
Patient in pain, loved all round;
A better father never dwelt on this earth,
Or proved to his children a true father's worth.
Inserted by his loving daughter, Mrs. R. Martin, also his granddaughter, Lilly Martin.
BUSHBY.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, who departed this life August 27, 1903. Though lost to sight, to memory dear. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Eben and Florrie Bushby.
CLIMPSON.—A tribute of love and affection to the memory of our dear father and grandfather, who died suddenly at his residence, 151 George-street, Waterloo, August 28, 1897, aged 76. Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Climpson and family.
CLIMPSON.—A token of esteemed love and affection to the memory of our dear never-forgotten father and grandfather, James Climpson, who died suddenly at his residence, 151 George-street, Waterloo, aged 76 years. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law and family, Mrs. and Mr. Percival Harrison and family.
CLIMPSON.—A token of everlasting love to the cherished memory of our dear father and grandfather, James Climpson, who departed this life August 28th, 1897. Never forgotten. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Joseph Matterson and family.
COHEN.—In living memory of our dear old dad, J. J. Cohen, who departed this life at his residence, Warra Villa, Denning-street, Drummoyne, on the 28th of August, 1905. Inserted by affectionate children, Reg. and Madge.
CUMMINGS.—A loving tribute to the memory of our dear sister, Maggie, who departed this life at Pyrmont, August 28th, 1905, aged 22 years. Inserted by her loving sister and brother, Lila and Henry.
DIECKMANN.—In loving remembrance of my beloved wife, Maria Nicolina Dieckmann, aged 51 years, departed this life August 28, 1906. Inserted by her loving children and daughter-in-law.
Mother is gone, but not forgotten,
Nor is the good advice she gave;
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Round our darling mother's grave.
Long nights and days she bore in pain
To wait for cure, but all in vain.
God in His wisdom thought it best
To ease her pain and give her rest.
DIXON.—In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, Janet Pattison, who departed this life August 28th, 1907, aged 47 years. Inserted by her loving son, Crieff.
GLOVER.—In loving memory of my dear dear mother, Mary Glover, who departed this life August 28, 1907. Inserted by her loving son, J. R. Glover.
LEWIS.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved brother, Maurice Lewis, who died in Sydney Hospital August 28th, 1906. May his soul rest in peace. Inserted by his sisters and brothers, Mrs. A. Phillips, Mrs. G. H. Dawson, Mr. J. H. Lewis, and Mr. B. Lewis.
MOONEY.—In loving remembrance of my dear daughter and our loving sister, Sarah May Cecilor Mooney, who departed this life August 28, 1906. Death took a loved one from our home, but never from our hearts. Inserted by her loving mother and sisters and brothers. May her soul rest in peace.
MUNRO.—In loving remembrance of our only son, James, who died August 28th, 1902, aged 30 years. Inserted by his loving parents, J. and C. Munro.
O'KEEFFE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Sarah Canfield O'Keeffe, who died August 28, 1904, aged 74 years. Inserted by her sons, Will, Harry, Mick, Dan, and her daughter, Maggie Wallace.
PINKERTON.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son, George Henry, who was accidentally killed while at his work on August 28, 1901, aged 14 years and 1 month. Sadly missed by his loving mother and stepfather, E. and M. Auld.
So full of life, in perfect health,
Not thinking death was near;
Not having time to say good-bye
To those who loved him dear.
PINKERTON.—In sad but loving memory of our dear brother, George Henry, who was accidentally killed while at his work on August 28, 1901, aged 14 years and 1 month. Sadly missed by his loving sisters and brother.
We never knew when he left us that morning it was a last good-bye;
We did not know our loved one was going away to die.
While at his daily work, death came and claimed its own,
And now we know our loved one stands before God's throne.
SEARLE.—In loving memory of our dear son, Norman, only child of Abraham and Amelia Searle, who died August 28, 1906, in his 18th year. Thy will be done.
SUMNER.—A loving tribute to the memory of our dearly beloved son, Joseph, who entered his rest on August 28th, 1906, aged 15 years.
God lent His treasure for a while,
To charm us with his love;
Then gently called our Joseph home,
To dwell with Him above.
Inserted by his loving parents, Joseph and Florence Sumner.
SUMNER.—A loving tribute to the memory of our dearly beloved brother, Joseph, who fell asleep on August 28th, 1906, aged 15 years.
Truly loved by all who knew him,
He was gentle, good, and kind;
As a brother there was no truer,
None more pure in heart or mind.
Inserted by his loving brothers, Edward, James, Thomas, Frank, and dear little sister, Florrie Sumner.
SUMNER.—In loving remembrance of my dear nephew, Joseph Sumner, who was called home at the early age of 15 on the 28th August, 1906. Inserted by his affectionate uncle, Frank.
SUMNER.—In sad memory of my dear friend, Joseph Sumner, who departed this life August 28th, 1906. Inserted by his loving schoolmate, Reginald Eger. At rest.
THOMAS.—A tribute of everlasting memory of our darling little Jack, who was drowned at Lismore, Richmond River, August 28, 1906, aged 8 years and 8 months. Inserted by his sorrowing parents, William and Rose Thomas. Rest in peace.
WALLACE.—In sad but affectionate memory of my dear wife, Sarah, who departed this life on August 28, 1907, at Stoney Creek-road, Hurstville. Inserted by her loving husband, William Wallace, also her son George.
WALLACE.—In loving memory of our dear daughter, Sarah Ann, who departed this life August 28th, 1907, aged 35 years.
We cannot, Lord, Thy purpose see,
But all is well that is done by Thee.
Inserted by her sorrowing parents, W. and M. Narramore.
WALLACE.—A tribute of everlasting love to the memory of our dear sister, Sarah Ann, who departed this life August 28th, 1907, aged 35 years.
Call not back the dear departed,
Anchored safe where storms are o'er;
On the borderland we left her,
Soon to meet to part no more.
Inserted by her loving brother and sister, Jim and Pearl Narramore.
WALLACE.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Sarah Ann, who departed this life August 28th, 1907, aged 35 years. Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Jack Preston.
WALLACE.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Sarah Wallace, who departed this life on August 28th, 1907. Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, C. and A. Moon.
The midnight stars are shining
Upon her silent grave,
Who sleepeth without dreaming,
The one we could not save.
WALTON.—In sad and loving memory of my dear son, Richard, who departed this life August 28, 1903. Though lost to sight, to memory dear. Inserted by his sorrowing mother, M. A. Walton.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. G. MACQUIRE desires to return his heartfelt and sincere THANKS to his many friends for floral tributes, letters, and telegrams of sympathy in his recent sad bereavement.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 1908.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

It is impossible to look back upon the record of the week without feeling proud that so much has been accomplished, and all so well in the effort to entertain the American fleet. In prospect there was much to feel doubtful about, because the unknown was full of unpleasant possibilities. We knew that the mass of people crowding into Sydney would present difficulties in transport which might become insuperable, and it was not unlikely that the landing of large numbers of seamen from a battle fleet would add materially to the already gigantic task set the railway and tramway officials, and the police. But success, and not failure, has been the prevailing experience. At every point the swollen population of the metropolis has proved not only able to help itself, but to act the host in approved fashion, and so it has made much of the provision to preserve order absolutely unnecessary. Of the way in which the railway and tramway officials have worked it is impossible to say too much. Both sides of the service have placed the community under a heavy debt of gratitude for the consistently masterful manner in which the demands of an unprecedented traffic have been met, and the latter especially have excelled themselves in their abundant good humour and untiring labours. The tramway men have thus wiped out any sore thoughts left by the strike. The whispers of another strike were proved groundless at the start. They have been laughed out of countenance since, and we may well be proud of the record now established. While so many people were never carried here on rail or tram, the proportion of accidents to travellers has been remarkably small. On the side of traffic control and organisation it has been a week of continuous victory.

This, of course, needs to be qualified by the reminder that, while nothing could have been better than the good humour of the vast crowds which were upon the main avenues from day to day, nothing was more exemplary than the behaviour of the American sailors in the mass. It still stands true that our means of carrying great crowds of passengers in and about the city are inadequate; but the people endured the lack of comfort in the right spirit, and the sailors generally have left nothing but pleasant thoughts and good wishes behind them. What may be said by way of summing up is that hosts and guests worked in harmony, and a common end was attained by the happy give and take of contented minds. Thus it is that the police have been enabled to fulfil their part of a great responsibility so successfully. They have been asked to spend themselves day and night for a week, and have risen to the occasion with inexhaustible patience and unlimited loyalty. There has been no approach to the troubles of last New Year's Eve, thanks to their numbers, and to a better organisation; and what neither numbers nor organisation could have accomplished has been secured by the self-respect of a population made up of Australians and Americans hand in hand. For the rest it is but fair to note that the press of the metropolis has been amply justified by the event for the unanimity with which it long in advance of the visit pledged the people's whole-hearted goodwill. It has never hesitated to urge that a welcome worthy of State and Commonwealth should be given the fleet, and that the result would fully justify the pains and expense. During the past week, as before it, it has given the occasion the widest advertisement, and nothing has been spared to adequately report each day's proceedings. Had not the newspapers become in deed and in truth the heralds and expositors of a great event, there would have been small chance of such a success as we now contemplate. So much is due to the press. The whole community, not of this city and State only, but also of Australia, may well be proud of the week's work and play.

WHILE THE IRON IS HOT.

Correspondents in our columns this morning, commenting upon the visit of the American fleet, advise that we should strike while the iron is hot. Australia is receiving a remarkable advertisement in the United States, and it is bound to be still greater before the battleships reach home. That is to say, the immense mails which are being despatched from our shores to America will soon provide material for comment in every city, town, and hamlet, and soon the people across the Pacific will be eager for more detailed information of what we are and are doing in the Antipodes. Why not give it? Speaking at the press luncheon on Wednesday, Mr. Matthews, one of the American pressmen travelling with the fleet, explained that he and his colleagues represent practically the American newspaper world. They are in touch through their organisations with nearly everybody who reads a newspaper in the United States, and in such wise are very truly representative of the American people. Mr. Matthews assured his audience of Australian pressmen that he and his friends would have a great deal to tell their own folk: and the fact that what they found in these lands was so much better than they had expected to find would have its effect in the story that was certain to be sent home. With this in view, it may be thought that there is little left to do. Our advertising will be done for us. The finest machinery in the world for such work, so it may be argued, will be practically at our disposal, and all we have to do is to sit still and let sugar-plums later on fall into comfortably-opened mouths. This, no doubt, represents part of the truth. The presence of the fleet in these waters, and our reception of it, have given a magnificent opening; and any money we have spent—if we choose to be cynical and try to convert spontaneous hospitality into terms of hard cash—has been well invested.

But there is another side to the question. Canada's lead in pushing herself into notice is well worth following; and in this case we have the chance of a generation, because the prominence which counts for so much by way of beginning has arisen almost for the asking. Why not push our advantage? The correspondents whose letters we publish this morning suggest that Australia should now go to America. If the necessary literature were despatched in the right hands it should not be difficult for the Commonwealth to do good business in New York, and so continue the advertisement we have already received, with many multiplied advantages. American farmers are swarming into Canada. Why should not part of the stream, at any rate, be diverted this way? Certainly the spreading of information throughout the States would be worth while, and from the great business centres the way would be opened through the advance guards which have already gone in cabled messages and through the tons of letters and newspapers which will soon be distributed by the post-offices. But we do not forget that such a forward movement should take in Great Britain. It means, of course, a sound, strong, comprehensive policy of immigration, based upon the spending of much money along lines approved by Canadian experience, though modified by Australian needs and conditions. With this accepted a move to New York will be well worth making; and a vigorous invasion of the United Kingdom may then take its place as part of our campaign. But just at present the thing is to retain the place of prominence we have for the moment secured in the attention of eighty millions of the keenest people in Christendom.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

If we may credit news brought by the last mail from the East, the Chinese boycott against Japanese goods has not yet been lifted. The latest news, indeed, acquires additional interest and point from the locality to which it particularly refers. We are told that the incidence of the boycott is—or, at all events, recently was—pressing heavily on Harbin, where many Japanese firms have had to cease business; and that the curtailment of trade by the operation of the boycott amounted to upwards of £2,000,000 in value in six months. If this is so, China is finding a way of hitting Japan at a point where she can hurt indeed. For Harbin is at the northern terminal of the Manchurian railway which runs south to Dalny, and Japan, under the treaty of Portsmouth, not only becomes owner of the railway itself, but of a strip of about a mile or two of land on either side of it throughout its whole length. This long ribbon of land, therefore, is as much Japanese territory as is the island of Formosa, and the terms of the treaty give Japan the right to keep up to 18,000 soldiers in permanent occupation of it—a right which she exercises to the full. The cleverness of Japan in securing not only the line but this strip of land with it seems not to have been appreciated to the full by the great Powers at the time the treaty of Portsmouth was subscribed to. Had it been there might have been some objection—if not by Britain or Germany, then almost certainly by the United States. This strip of territory is wide enough to embrace all the cities and towns through which the railway passes. In other words, it has meant the cession to Japan of practically all the great trading centres of Manchuria, for all that exist away from this line are of relatively small commercial importance. It gives Japan commercial possession, for instance, of such great collecting and distributing depots as Mukden and Harbin, and the possession of them is equivalent to the possession of the bulk of Manchuria, as far as trading facilities are concerned. Thus it is that while Japan is nominally pledged to maintain the "open-door" policy in Manchuria, she does not seem disposed to interpret this as meaning the maintenance of the "open door" in her own territory, and the railway and the cities along it are her own territory.

This is where the rub comes as far as the Western trading nations are concerned. Whatever view may be taken of Japan's technical right to control trade within her own territory, such as we may say this strip of country in Manchuria has become, there is little doubt that she has used it practically to close Manchuria to the trade of the West. At all events, competing nations have been complaining that the obstacles to trade there have been increasing to the point of prohibition, unless done through Japan. The complaints have been loudest amongst Americans, who, quick to gauge the enormous possibilities of trade with the Orient, never bargained for exclusion, by a third Power, from one of the richest and most promising sections of it. Did we know a little more about the diplomatic motives which prompted the present naval demonstration by the United States in the Pacific, we might find this "open-door" question looming larger in the calculations of American statesmen than even the question of Japanese immigration. But whether that is so in the present instance or not, it is pretty certain that the other Powers will not allow Japan to fence off Manchuria as her own special commercial preserve, even as she has already done Korea. We have here, indeed, the most touchy spot in the whole Far Eastern position to-day. The policy of the "open door" affects the United States, Germany, and Britain, almost equally; but the existence of the Anglo-Japanese alliance probably prevents any action being taken at present which might put Japan in the position of having to acquiesce or fight. In the meantime, the position is not made easier for Japan by the hostility of China as expressed in the boycott which is working such injury to the trade she is risking so much to acquire exclusive control of. But beyond the trading position, as it presents itself to-day, is the still larger question of to-morrow, which is this: When Japan has been given to understand that she must not close the door of China, suppose that China should later on—as is not inconceivable—wish to close it herself? Will the Powers—of which the United States must be one—then be as ready to respect the integrity of China, when to do so is to suffer restriction of their commerce, as they are now disposed to emphasise that integrity, because to do so is to their commercial advantage?

ENGLAND AND GERMANY.

The pacific utterances of Mr. Lloyd George receive a curious and rather dramatic commentary in the tale of the Grimsby trawler whose skipper has met with harsh usage, and who threatens to move Parliament on his own behalf and that of trawlers in general. The incident, of course, may amount to little in itself, but it is of the type that reminds us how the little spark may kindle a great conflagration. The rights and wrongs of fishermen have been the cause of as many wars as the injured feelings or the slighted forms of monarchs, and although many things change under stress of modern conditions, fishing rights provide the diplomatist with employment as much now as they ever did. With France proceeds an unending diplomatic exchange over Newfoundland fisheries, only mutual tolerance and good feeling prevent like problems straining our relations with the United States, and in the North Sea such incidents as the present are of pretty frequent occurrence. Fishermen, no doubt, are a venturesome race, and gun-boat commanders are not born diplomatists. The demand for the protection of Grimsby trawlers by a British cruiser has been heard before, but to accede to it would be rather a grave step. No really serious intervention with our North Sea fishing grounds is likely so long as open rupture between England and Germany is looked on by both as a thing to be avoided. But cases like the present very forcibly suggest the ease with which international complications could be brought about at a moment's notice.

The incident, discount it as we may, is unfortunate for those who have been loudly proclaiming of late a new understanding that throws the "German peril" into the background. Germany has been very careful to avoid any appearance of offence, and her motives for that care may have been the best possible. But the other explanation must not be overlooked. There are many who assure us of the undercurrent of rivalry, strongest where it affects the surface least, and urge us not to place too much reliance on the smooth utterances of diplomacy. This is a caution which receives weight from a succession of such little affairs as this of the Grimsby trawler. If there were any means of avoiding a ruinous naval rivalry no one can doubt the willingness of Great Britain to take her step in that direction; and recent reports of an understanding, and "a fundamental change" in the attitudes of the two countries, would be hailed with delight the moment they appeared credible. But there is a good deal of soundness in the British point of view that evidence of the relaxing of rivalry should come from the German end. Friendly negotiations and a "mutual agreement to halt" are excellent things to talk about; but they are not excellent if while one side talks the other side builds. The utmost pains are just now taken by German diplomacy to accent the friendliness, but there is no slackening of an effort that is capable, to say the least, of a sinister interpretation. And while that is so, the British naval programme, as a mere matter of safety, has to continue. Yet limitation of armaments is a goal towards which all the Europeans nations may well ceaselessly strive, for programme rivalry is perhaps the most insidious kind of war.

THE NEW KNOWLEDGE.

The death of M. Henri Becquerel, at the early age of fifty-six, deprives Europe of one of her foremost, and undoubtedly one of her most famous, physicists. Himself a man of distinguished ability, M. Becquerel had not only the prestige of a high official position—which counts for more in France than it does in England—but, as a former epigrammatist would have said, he chose his parents carefully. Both his father and his grandfather were distinguished physicists. This helps to explain the position M. Becquerel came to occupy in the historical evolution of "the new knowledge." And with some qualifications he may be regarded as its founder and its pioneer; though, as often happens, his mistakes were of more value than his positive contributions to the infancy of radio-activity. This is still a rather confused page in the history of science. But one claim made for M. Becquerel may be unreservedly admitted. His high reputation made everything he did of the first importance, and his discoveries and experiments thus drew immediate attention. It might well have been that research by a lesser man would have been overlooked; and in that case there is a strong probability that we should still be in ignorance of the existence of radium, and the twentieth century would have been born without a new chemistry and a new physics. In science the happy individual counts for as much as the happy accident. In M. Becquerel both were combined. Though it is not quite correct to describe his classic experiment on the photographic action of uranium salts as an accident, it was a decidedly casual experiment, and it was one as to the outcome of which the experimenter was entirely in the dark. Radium may well be described as the fruits of empiricism; for only a few of the boldest thinkers had ventured to imagine something like it.

The history of scientific discovery, however, has ceased to be a history of chance. It is remarkable that, when the atmosphere clears, each great step forward is seen to have been taken almost simultaneously by many men. We should have had evolution had Darwin never lived; and we should have had a science of radio-activity without M. Becquerel. As a matter of fact, Niepce de Saint-Victor anticipated Bequerel's definitive experiment as early as 1867, but no one took any notice, because Niepce was not an official prophet with honour in his own country. Curiously enough, indeed, M. Becquerel repeated the mistakes, as well as the experiment, of this able unknown man. The origin of the later investigation lies in the phosphorescent effect which, in 1896, had been found to be produced by Rontgen rays. Did any phosphorescent substances send out something like such rays? This was the question M. Becquerel was trying to answer, and when he got a result he was so prepossessed with the idea that that result was a "form of light" that he completely demonstrated the identity of the Becquerel rays and light; and though this was a terrible error to make, it is only fair to add that for some years no one knew what was really happening. A good deal may be said for the claims of M. Gustave Le Bon. His contemporary investigations have greater philosophic merit than those of Becquerel, but they hardly show that he then had any idea of the existence of intra-atomic energy, much less of possible atomic dissociation. The work and the name of Becquerel set the Curies to their laborious analysis of pitchblende, and the resulting discovery was a dramatic surprise to everyone, and to no one more than to Becquerel. No one could have anticipated it in 1898, though believers in the evolution of the elements had hoped for it for at least a decade, and still less could anyone have anticipated that marvellous interpretation of radio-activity which has given us twenty-four new elements—elements of an hour's or a minute's duration—and brought to the test of experiment the most brilliant dreams of physics. M. Becquerel, if not the prophet, was the predisposing cause of all this, and scientific immortality is his reward.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

The Week's Parliament.—The Legislative Assembly will, as already arranged, reassemble on Tuesday. There was some desire on the part of a section of the Opposition that the sitting should be suspended till September 8, owing to the absence of a number of members in connection with the fleet festivities in Melbourne, but no representations have been made to the Government on the subject. "No official request has been made to me," the Premier said yesterday, "for a further adjournment. I put the position perfectly clearly when I spoke in the Legislative Assembly 10 days ago. No objection was raised then, yet some of the members now seem dissatisfied. Beside, it is a great deal too late in the year to have any adjournment more than is compulsory. The meeting on Tuesday will be the first practical opportunity for resuming business after the departure of the fleet."

High Court Work.—Their Honors the Judges of the High Court of Australia took a couple of days off duty last week and one this week, to see the fleet arrive and help in the festivities. Now they are getting into full work again, and yesterday did a little overtime in order that they might finish a case. The particular matter has reference to the disposal of the rents and profits from the glebe lands of St. Philip's Church, and the reason why an extra half-hour was given at the close of the day was because it has already taken up a great deal of time, and Mr. Justice Higgins had to leave for Melbourne last night to begin the hearing of a case in one of the original jurisdictions of the Court. The other Judges will remain in Sydney during next week.

Nanki Poo and Pooh-Bah.—The town clerk of Bexley, Mr. R. W. Churchill, has, in addition to the clerical work of the council, to perform the duties of inspector of nuisances, inspector of dairies and piggeries, poundkeeper, and secretary of the park trust. On Monday evening, when the council decided on its arrangements for regulating hoardings and advertisements and the sale of meat, it was found necessary under the Act to appoint an inspector in each department, and the clerk had these added to his already long list. "You're something of a Nanki Poo," said Alderman Ingham. "Yes," rejoined the clerk, "and incidentally I'm poundkeeper for Rockdale, too."

Homebush Settling Down.—The late running of stock trains, the shortage of trucks, the long distance ahead before trucks can be obtained, and the shutting down on trucks for Victorian buyers at the Homebush yards are now becoming the normal state of things, and are being accepted as disagreeable conditions that may improve in time. There was less grumbling yesterday than usual, although some of the stock trains ran late, and some lots of sheep had perforce to be offered after the close of the regular order of sales. Out of 55,180 sheep and lambs balloted for sale only 42,163 head were forward. This supply, in the absence of Victorian competition, proved ample for the demand, and sheep sold in buyers' favour. Out of 1744 head of cattle balloted for sale, 1563 were yarded. The general average quality was below the standard of late in both the bullocks and the cows. Trucks were available at the Flemington railway siding for purchases of stock to be railed to any part of this State, but Victorians were not invited to apply. On Monday desperate efforts were made to secure trucks for the extreme south, but it was like searching for nuggets on a Chinaman-scratched goldfield. Hence there was no time wasted yesterday in chasing mere will-o'-the-wisps.

The Adams Will Case.—How to construe the will of the late George Adams led to a suit in Sydney last year, before the Probate Judge, and out of his decision four appeals arose, though three of them were only to be proceeded with in case the High Court, which was the appellant tribunal, decided to upset the finding of Mr. Justice Street in regard to the charitable dispositions of the will. If the decision given by his Honor in this regard were upheld, the other interests were satisfied. Yesterday morning the High Court delivered its judgment on that one subject, and upheld Mr. Justice Street, who had decided that the charitable trusts in the will were void for uncertainty; therefore it was announced that the other appeals would be withdrawn; but as some difficulty arose as to the granting of costs by the Court, the cases were formally called on, and formally withdrawn as called. Then the costs were apportioned in the manner decided on in an agreement previously arrived at between the parties. It is stated that in the three appeals which were withdrawn there were about 35 questions for the High Court to decide. It is understood that terms of settlement arrived at are satisfactory alike to Mr. W. J. Adams, to the Tasmanian property beneficiaries, and to the beneficiaries of the Tattersall sweep business; also that one of the provisions of the agreement confirms the action of the trustees in distributing the unclaimed prize moneys from 1897 as they become statute barred amongst charities in the several States of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand. It also authorises the trustees to continue to distribute such prize moneys, so that full effect will be given to the wishes of the testator in this respect.

Taxing Butchers' Carts.—Bexley Council has decided to tax butchers' carts. At the last meeting of the council the Mayor (Alderman Biddulph) proposed a 10s annual license for butchers' shops and 5s for each cutting cart. He contended that the council was charged with certain supervision of the trade for the benefit of the public health, and it was reasonable to expect the trade to contribute towards the cost of the supervision. If it was right for the Bexley carts to enter and trade in adjoining municipalities, for which they were charged a license, it was fair to expect similar conditions on their side. There was an amount of competition in the trade, and it was only reasonable for them to protect their own people. Alderman Marshall spoke strongly against taxing butchers' carts. He did not believe in taxing food, as this would come back on the consumer. Alderman Howard argued that no charge should be made. The cry was simply for revenue, and the council was only too ready to seize any opportunity of getting it, no matter what trade they crushed. The motion, however, was carried, and the town clerk was appointed inspector. At the same meeting it was decided to impose 2s 6d as the annual license for hoardings, with 1s per square yard, or portion thereof, for advertising space.

CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS.

GERMANY'S SYSTEM PERFECT.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE IMPRESSED.

LONDON, Aug. 27.

Mr. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has authorised the statement that he has not arrived at a definite conclusion regarding the only object of his visit to Germany, viz., to see whether a contributory system of pensions could as far as invalidity and sickness are concerned be grafted on to the British old-age pension scheme.

Mr. Lloyd George states that he is tremendously impressed with the perfection of the system whereby Germany raises £34,000,000 annually for invalidity, old age, and sickness pensions; while the contribution by the State merely covers working expenses. When clerks and widows are included in the scheme in a short time the total raised will be £53,000,000 a year.

A CYCLING RECORD.

MAJOR TAYLOR'S FEAT.

LONDON, Aug. 26.

Major Taylor cycled a mile in Paris, paced by a motor car, in 1m 33 2-5s—a record.

The announcement that "Major" Taylor, the famous sprint cyclist of America, who is at present in Paris, has ridden a mile in 1m 33 2-5s, thereby establishing a record, is somewhat vague. If, as is stated, he was paced by a motor his performance is not a record, nor anyway near record. For a long time past a number of prominent cyclists have attained speeds up to almost 60 miles an hour. Only last week A. E. Wills, a famous English pace-follower, covered the remarkable distance of 61 miles 897 yards in the hour on the Munich track. For Taylor's mile ride of 1m 33 2-5s, to be classed as record, when the Englishman actually did 61½ miles in 60 minutes, shows that there is some mistake in the message. It is probable that "Major" Taylor, who is undoubtedly one of the fastest sprinters the world has ever produced, has broken the world's record for a mile behind human pace. It will be remembered that when Floyd Macfarland, the great American cyclist, visited Sydney four years ago, he then established a record of 1m 49s for the mile with human pace.

TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, Aug. 26, 1.30 p.m.

At the sales of Australian and New Zealand tallow to-day 1350 casks were offered, and 425 were sold. Prices were unchanged, viz.:—Mutton, fine 34s 3d, medium 31s 6d; beef, fine 33s 3d, medium 31s per cwt.

LICKING CYANIDE.

AN OLD MAN'S ESCAPE.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

An old man named Eugene Martin, over 80 years of age, who has been "fossicking" near Stuart Town, came into the town to meet some friends he had known 25 years ago. They were drinking together, when Martin licked some cyanide he had, and immediately fell down, his skin turning blue and his legs twitching violently. Constable Addie was summoned, and gave the man an emetic. He then got the doctor on the telephone, and after the directions given by the doctor to the constable had been carried out the man recovered. He was charged at the court next morning with attempting suicide, and was fined 20s, or 21 days' imprisonment. As he had no money to pay the fine he was sent to gaol.

TO-DAY.

Sydney Norland Ball: Town Hall, 8.
Yorkshire Society Social: New Masonic Hall, 8.
United Protestant Demonstration: Protestant Hall, 8.
Her Majesty's: "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," 8.
Theatre Royal: "Peter Pan," 8.
Criterion Theatre: "Miss Hook of Holland," 8.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 7.30.
Palace Theatre: West's Pictures, 2.30 and 8.
National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 7.45.
Lyceum Hall: Spencer's Theatrescope, 8.
Clay's Vaudeville: Masonic Hall, North Sydney, 8.
Haymarket Hippodrome: 8.
Zoological Gardens: 10.
Victoria Hall: Picturescope, 8.
Queen's Hall: Moving Pictures, 8.
Columbian Skating Rink: King-street, Newtown.
Sydney Skating Rink: Prince Alfred Park, 10.
Glaciarium: Ice Skating, 10.
Wonderland City, Bondi; 2.
Figure Eight: Coogee Beach.

HARMONIOUS RELATIONS.

BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND RUSSIA.

THE KING AND FOREIGN STATESMEN.

LONDON, Aug. 27.

The King yesterday, at Marienbad, entertained M. Clemenceau, French Premier, M. Isvolsky, Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sir William E. Goschen, British Ambassador at Vienna and Ambassador Designate to Germany, and others, at luncheon.

Afterwards the King conversed separately with M. Clemenceau and M. Isvolsky.

The Vienna correspondent of the "Morning Post" writes that the conversations which the King has had with the French and Russian statesmen have confirmed the harmony of British, French, and Russian views.

THE KING AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

RADICAL DISSENT.

LONDON, Aug. 26.

Radicals intend to call attention in Parliament to the personal activity of the King in foreign affairs.

Another view of the work of the King in foreign policy is given in a letter to the "Nation," in reply to an article in that review on the omission to invite Mr. Keir Hardie to the King's garden party, and incidentally criticising the King's authority on foreign policy. The writer says: "Will you allow one whose inclinations were till lately Republican, a member of several Liberal associations, and one of thoroughly democratic principles, to criticise your leader on 'an untoward incident'? I feel that at last monarchy has justified itself in the eyes of all peace lovers. Our King has 'made the situation' for his descendants, and for any monarch who wishes earnestly to do well by humanity. No man could work harder than Edward VII. has done since he came to the throne as 'member for the Empire' to conciliate European Powers. In our age imaginations seem too weak to picture the horrors of a European war, or the possibility of invasion. We have much sickly sentimentality, but clear vision seems on the wane. The King has done the work nearest to his hand—and done it nobly, with unceasing energy and zeal. Where Hague Conferences have almost fought over the details of peace plans, he has worked smoothly. After all, we cannot unreasonably doom a man who fills a throne to idleness and the mere signing of documents. On the lowest ground employment is necessary, even for a King, and our King has chosen the best employment—that of guardian of the world's peace. That some remote descendant of his should consider himself 'his own Foreign Minister' does not concern us now. Future generations may be trusted to take care of that, and check such a development on constitutional grounds. Nor should we feel that if the King considers that some of his subjects are endangering the cause of peace he is wrongly using his prerogative as a host in excluding them from his social gatherings. This seems to be a private, not a Royal, prerogative. We feel it should be charily used, but that criticism is somewhat in bad taste, especially from those thus excluded. Most of us can remember a Republican feeling in England some 25 years ago, even alongside of devotion to the splendid personality of Queen Victoria, but now all such feeling is dead. Our King has made the post of sovereign logical."

THE SULTAN'S SPIES.

TALES OF THE SYSTEM.

LONDON, Aug. 26.

Zia Bey, late head of the secret police in Turkey, has talked freely in London.

He states that he fled, like Izzet Pasha, under a false name on receipt of the Sultan's private advice.

He admits that the police had denounced many on false reports, and orders from the Palace were implicitly obeyed.

One hundred and seventy Turks, including some of the best families, were removed at the bidding of his superiors.

Zia Bey stated that he controlled 400 spies at Constantinople.

AUSTRIAN RAILWAY PROJECT.

SHELVED BY TURKEY.

LONDON, Aug. 27.

Pending the inquiry into other projects the Turkish Government has shelved the Novi Bazar railway, which is projected by Austria-Hungary, and which is intended to connect the Bosnian line with the terminus of the line to Salonika.

The plan of the Novibazar railway, which if carried out will link up the Austrian and Turkish railway systems, was sprung upon the world early in February. The announcement was made to the meetings of the delegations of Austria and Hungary by the Foreign Minister that he had obtained a concession from the Sultan for the construction of the railway, and immediately strained relations with Russia followed. Russia, on obtaining the concession of building the Danube-Adriatic railway, or the Balkan transversal railway, by which name the plan is better known, pronounced herself satisfied. What bribe Australia-Hungary offered the Sultan for the building of the Novibazar line was of course not mentioned, but it is generally assumed that the Dual Monarchy offered not to press too hardly for reforms in Macedonia. As Germany hoped to benefit by the construction of this railway, and strenuously pressed for it, its postponement is another indication of the decline of her influence at Constantinople.

CONCILIATION HINDERED.

GENERAL BOTHA'S SAVAGE SPEECH.

LONDON, Aug. 27.

The Johannesburg correspondent of the "Times" writes that the onslaught of General Botha, the Premier, on Lord Milner, is attributed to a desire to afford justification to the people in refusing to pay for animals alleged to have been sold at an excessive price during the work of repatriation and to the Government in refraining from exacting payment.

The effect of the speech has been largely to destroy the possibility of the confidence being felt by the Opposition in the profession of the Government to desire conciliation.

GERMAN COALING PORT.

CONCESSION BY SPAIN.

LONDON, Aug. 27.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Standard" reports that advices have been received from Madrid to the effect that Spain is granting a German firm permission to establish a coal depot in the Canaries subject to certain conditions.

THE SEVENOAKS TRAGEDY.

HUSBAND'S DRAMATIC ACCOUNT.

NO CLUE TO MURDERER.

LONDON, Aug. 27.

At the inquest held at Sevenoaks on the body of Mrs. Luard, murdered in a summer-house in a lonely wood near the town, Major-General Luard gave a dramatic account of the finding of his wife's remains.

No fresh light has been thrown on the murder.

Detectives from Scotland Yard engaged in the case are searching for a small revolver with which the bullet wounds in the head were inflicted.

FISHERIES DISPUTE.

GERMANY PUNISHES TRAWLER.

BRITISH CRUISER ASKED FOR.

LONDON, Aug. 27.

The Grimsby trawler Taurus has been fined £15 at Flensburg, and her trawl and catch confiscated, for it is alleged fishing within three miles of German territory. The skipper of the Taurus was so positive he was outside the limit that he went to the expense of briefing a leading German advocate to defend him.

When the Taurus was arrested the commander of the German gunboat had declined to listen to remonstrances or examine proof that the skipper was right by his bearings.

Sir George Doughty, M.P. for Great Grimsby, intends to raise the whole question in Parliament. It is alleged at Grimsby that when the Taurus was arrested she was stripped of everything moveable connected with fishing operations, an unparalleled procedure, involving the owners in a loss of £200.

Other British trawlers have been molested by German gunboats nine miles from the coast.

It is felt at Grimsby that a British cruiser ought to be sent to protect the trawlers.

In the last four months several trawlers have been seized off the German coast on the ground that they were fishing in territorial waters. According to the German story the trawlers excused themselves by saying that their charts were obsolete. The trawlers, on the other hand, say that their charts are correct, and that it is a German allegation that they are obsolete. Sir George Doughty, at the beginning of July, wrote to Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, suggesting that the training squadron should be sent to cruise on the fishing ground. He also stated that the British trawlers were compelled to salute the German flag.

COTTON TRADE DISPUTE.

SERIOUS CONFLICT IMMINENT.

LONDON, Aug. 27.

The outlook in the cotton spinning trade consequent upon the determination of the master spinners to reduce wages by 5 per cent. is serious.

Seventeen thousand cardroom workers at Oldham unanimously resolved to oppose the reduction. It is expected that other operators and spinners in Lancashire will decide in a similar manner, thus involving the trade in one of the most serious conflicts in its history.

AMERICAN TARIFF REFORM.

RECIPROCITY PROPOSALS.

LONDON, Aug. 27.

Senator Hopkins, following on a conference with Senator Taft, announces that a sub-committee is drafting a bill to obtain special concessions for American products abroad by arranging for a maximum and minimum basis after the pattern of the third section of the Dingley Act. Many schedules will thus substantially be reduced.

Senator Hopkins is convinced that the tariff will be the predominant factor of the coming campaign.

The agitation in the United States is all in the direction of maximum and minimum tariffs, Republicans and Democrats supporting this scheme as the real scientific system. Thus certain articles of German manufacture can find a profitable market in the United States, and in return for allowing those articles to enter the United States on the minimum tariff Germany will grant the United States her minimum tariff on some other articles. Thus, for example, in exchange for German hosiery on the lower tariff Germany will admit American meats on her lower tariff. This is only one instance, and could be multiplied in toys or chemicals or a dozen other articles.

WOMEN MORMON CONVERTS.

DEPORTED FROM AMERICA.

LONDON, Aug. 27.

Two English girl converts to Mormonism landed at Boston, but were deported because they were runaways. Eleven Scandinavian women, converts to Mormonism, were excluded from the United States because they had been financially assisted.

ECCLESIASTICAL DISENDOWMENT.

INDEMNITY FOR THE VATICAN.

LONDON, Aug. 26.

The United States is to pay the Vatican £300,000 indemnity in connection with ecclesiastical disendowment in Cuba.

UNREST AT TABRIZ.

PROMISCUOUS ASSASSINATIONS.

LONDON, Aug. 26.

The correspondent of the "Times" at Tabriz, Persia, states that a period of promiscuous assassinations has begun.

Two prominent merchants were murdered in the streets within 48 hours.

FLOODS IN CAROLINA.

COTTON MILLS STOPPED.

LONDON, Aug. 26.

Disastrous floods have occurred in North and South Carolina, where whole districts have been inundated.

Operations at the cotton mills have been suspended.

Forty people have been killed.

The damage is estimated at many millions of dollars.

FLEET COLLIERS REINSURED.

LONDON, Aug. 27.

The Baron Minto, steamer, from Newport News, Virginia, June 17, and the British Monarch, 3912 tons, from Newport News, Virginia, June 18, both for Auckland, colliers for the American fleet, have been reinsured at 10 guineas per cent.

The Baron Minto was despatched from Newport News, Virginia, with a cargo of coal for the American fleet on June 17, and was to have coaled the battleships at Auckland. She has not been reported since she left Monte Video on July 17.

The British Monarch, which has paid several visits to Australia, sailed from Newport News on June 16, and resumed her voyage from St. Lucia on June 26.

It may be interesting to note that the steamer Usher, which left Newport News on June 11, and St. Lucia on June 18, did not reach Auckland until Saturday last, long after the departure of the fleet from New Zealand. She is now on her way to Melbourne.

SWIMMING.

LONDON, Aug. 26.

In the international scratch swimming races, held in Paris yesterday, Meyboom, the Belgian champion, beat T. Tartakover (Sydney) in the 100 metres event by six inches in 1m 6 2-5s.

In the 500 metres race F. Beaurepaire (Victoria) beat Blitz (Belgian) by 75 yards, in 7m 1s.

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ARMADA'S DEPARTURE.

FLEET LEAVES SYDNEY HARBOUR.

THANKS FROM THE ADMIRAL.

ROUNDING UP MISSING JACKIES.

VICTORIANS FILLING MELBOURNE.

ADMIRAL SPERRY'S LAST WORD.

THANKS TO NEW SOUTH WALES.

DRAWING THE BONDS CLOSER.

The State Premier yesterday received the following letter from Admiral Sperry, written on board the flagship shortly before the fleet sailed out of the harbour:—

"Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
"United States Atlantic Fleet,
"U.S.S. Connecticut Flagship,
"Sydney, N.S.W., August 26, 1908.

Sir,—

"(1) On the eve of the departure of the United States Atlantic fleet, I desire to express on behalf of the officers and men my hearty thanks for the cordial reception and magnificent hospitality extended to us by the Government and people of New South Wales during our visit to Sydney.

"(2) We will ever remember our visit and the friendships which we have formed as among the most pleasant in our experience, and your most hospitable entertainment of the fleet will draw closer the bonds of sympathy and friendship binding the United States and the Commonwealth.

"(3) From our hearts we again thank you, and wish you and your great country all happiness and prosperity.

"I have the honour to remain, Sir,
"Yours very respectfully,
"(Signed) C. S. SPERRY,
"Rear-Admiral U.S. Navy,
"Commander-in-Chief United States
"Atlantic Fleet.

"The Honourable C. G. Wade,
"Premier of New South Wales."

CONDUCT OF THE MEN.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE DELIGHTED.

"GENTLEMEN ALL THE TIME."

While speaking of the few men who had broken their leave, the Inspector-General of Police stated yesterday that he was delighted with the splendid way the American sailors had behaved while in Sydney.

Judging from certain remarks which he had heard, and from what he had read about their indulgence in boisterous conduct in Auckland, Mr. Garvin was a little anxious about the men before their arrival. "But," he added, "a better behaved, more manly lot of fellows could not possibly be found than the American sailors showed themselves to be while in this city. It cannot be forgotten that those men had plenty of cash, and every temptation was in their pathway for wrongdoing. But they were gentlemen all the time. No body of men could have shown better behaviour, and won the respect and goodwill of the people of Sydney more than the men of the American fleet just passed out of our harbour."

THE LAST PAGEANT.

SEEN FROM DRESS CIRCLE.

HULL DOWN AND AWAY.

GREAT SIGHT OF ALL.

When the sun found Sydney yesterday he had to find it through a film of low-lying smoke, which for the last hours of the night had drifted away seawards.

The full-tide was to reach Fort Denison at 8.34 in the morning. A little before 8 the run of the ocean inland was just about spent, and the water was slackening to turn backwards. The ships were lying all ways, swinging half-heartedly as the wind or the stream or the eddies took them—whichever tugged for the moment the strongest. The Connecticut and the Kansas, at the point of Kirribilli, both caught by the one stray current, were just swaying at their moorings side by side with their noses stuck well into Neutral Bay, and the graceful white sterns trailing out towards midstream. One or two of the screaming white whippersnappers that have dodged about the harbour for a week ran hurrying to their mothers and waited to be picked up.

A few minutes before 8 the flagship seemed to budge forward a little, ever so little, on the Kansas. From the South Head-road, where it runs on to the cliffs, the harbour lies spread like a map; and the ocean, too. But it was not easy to keep that ship in sight for the creamy-brown clouds that came rolling out from somewhere behind Cremorne or Bradley's Head. The masts and funnels were the best sign to go by. Before they had been lying quite parallel with the yellow sticks and cowls and upperworks of the Kansas. Now they were lying differently. There was no doubt about that.

EIGHT O'CLOCK.

The sound of the city clocks striking 8 came over the water—for it was wonderfully fine and shining and still. The flagship was swinging fast now, shunting like a motor car in a narrow road, forward and back, and forward again. She had dodged into the stream before the eye got back to her—was pointing like a broad spearhead for the sea; her sister had swung unnoticed into her wake; and furnaces—great volcanic furnaces—in full eruption in Athol Bight had almost blotted them out.

The whole procession was moving now, even those whose turn was not near. The two rows stood shuffling their feet, as girls—girls in white frocks and white satin slippers, waiting in two rows—get ready for their part of the dance.

She was round in ten minutes was the Connecticut—and ten minutes later off Bradley's with all her three sisters after her. They took the centre of the floor—swept clear for the occasion—and came down it with a will.

Now the fleet has been written and painted again and again. The people in Sydney, and most of those out of it, too, for that matter, know every ship and every funnel, every mast and gun of it. Small boys on the Heads this morning were telling off ship by ship for the benefit of the bystanders; and guessing them just about as right as most of the published photographs. When a week ago the fleet sailed down from the skyline there was a great mystery in the grey morning—the mystery as of a strange white hand coming silently out of the mist. People knew not quite when or where the hand would first be seen—nor what it would look like when they saw it. Yesterday there was none of that mystery. The only mystery about it was the mystery that always hangs about the silent seagoing of a great fleet. The ships are old friends long since, and no one wants to hear of the looks of them. But as one watched them at every corner, through every turn, at every distance, one was seized with some strong impression. One had seen each act before, somewhere or another. One had all the time a feeling that they looked irresistibly like something, and was continually casting about to find what that something was. Men—Anglo-Saxons, at any rate—cannot help thinking of a ship as a living thing; and probably every man in the crowd had something of the same impression.

SCHOOLGIRLS.

Well, at the first, they were schoolgirls, schoolgirls in white muslin frocks and satin shoes, on a polished, smooth dancing floor. As they came chasing down the harbour, with the sun striking plumb on their white sides and their warm flushed upper works, they could be that and nothing else. The dance was Sir Roger de Coverley. They chasseed down the fairway between the two white rows—and there, at the end of it, where the channel bends around the lighstaip to the North Head, they were checked. Their leader held back on them, and they closed a little. You could fairly see them panting as they waited there, their brown cheeks flushed with the exertion and excitement of the gallop. Their backs were to the wind, and their raven hair—such crisp, curled, beautiful hair, long, long, soft tresses of it—was trailing away over their shoulders and away to sea, kissing their red cheeks and wrapping them like a boa. Now and again, like a whisp of some silken scarf fluttering in the gale, a feather of steam from the siren would be whisked away across those black tresses. And from far below, now caught on the gusts and now lost again, one could catch the chords of the bands that were setting the music. They were playing "Auld Lang Syne."

IN THE HEADS.

As this flushed, breathless crowd at the corner quickened again, and the leader went ahead into the sun, the picture changed altogether. So long as one looked down with the sun upon them, he painted them all high colours—turned their white sides to cream, and their buff decks to orange. But when they pushed on between the sun and you, the colours faded out of them, out of the sky, out of the sea. At 8.45, as the Connecticut came out through the Heads on to the sun's broad path, dancing and glancing and glittering as dazzling as frosted glass, and every bit as colourless, she and her soft smoke tresses, and the sky above, and the sea beneath, were the weak grey of an under-exposed photograph. The colourless line of them reminded one of the sort of picture an artist produces when his midday landscape goes wrong, and he washes it out and calls it "morning effect."

There was another corner to turn here. The flagship sailed out for a mile, as if she were leading them to New Zealand; then turned at right angles to Melbourne. Every ship in the line played the game; followed her leader as a file of sheep will do crossing a Western paddock; came up to just that one invisible corner, and then turned it sharp, neither sooner nor later. The flagship gave them time to turn this corner, too; hung back, so that they bunched a little after turning. The Louisiana ran up on the Vermont, and afterwards the Nebraska on the Georgia, and the Rhode Island on the New Jersey. Each in turn, they swerved and went alongside their next ahead, until the leader went on, and the kinks (there was never more than one kink at a time) straightened.

As the ships swam out through the sun's path and paused, great grey monsters playing with each others tails, now and again ranging amiably alongside, one could not help thinking of a bunch of big fish, seen long since in some pool of a mountain stream, waiting obedience on the tumbling waters. The moment they edged forward again those ideas dissolved like a lantern slide, with perplexing suddenness—as indeed happened again and again that morning. For one after another they met the Pacific swell, and lifted to it and tumbled on to it, and chopped it in half, and flung it aside this way and that, and fair over their heads in sparkling white showers thick as the white steam of a train, crisp as the mane of a plunging horse. Not everyone moved to it, but one here and there, as the mood took them—first the Nebraska, then the two little ships at the end. So they met the ocean once more, and the curtain rose on the last scene. Perhaps it was the finest. After a week of superlatives how shall one possibly describe it?

A FENCE ACROSS THE SEA.

A straight line is nothing if you see it drawn across white paper with a ruler. But somehow it is everything when it comes to be drawn by big ships across an ocean. There is nothing very wonderful in the long line of white posts that bounds the straight run on a racecourse, even when the evening sun catches them and gilds them, and you look down the long line of them vanishing as straight as a die against the dark grass and the pines in the background. But when the sun catches the sixteen short sternposts of sixteen battleships, and turns them into nothing more nor less than a white fence across the sea—a fence as straight as that which runs up to the horizon across a western plain; when, if you shut your eyes you can see that long fence vanishing across the blue Pacific, that and nothing else—then the fence may become a wonder sufficient to mark a red day in the almanac of a man's life.

And thus they passed. From that same great dress circle which a week ago to see certain strangers come in was crammed almost out of standing room, 15,000 watched their friends go out. The police were there in force. Their business was to keep the crowds from toppling one another over the edge of the cliff. It was a good and wise precaution; but as people who wished to shove their neighbour over would have needed a barge pole to reach him, their business was not pressing. They amused themselves with being ponderously witty at the expense of the danger notices instead.

At 9.30, when the sixteen battleships in their best frocks were well on their way down the coast, out peeped the Cinderellas of the fleet, very pretty and modest too, the Glacier and the Panther, in their simple white aprons, with the old Ajax in heavy black lumbering behind. Far away off Botany the fleet was climbing to the sky. It was just a string of white pearls now, threaded like a girl's necklace, the heaviest at one end, the furthest exceeding small. A couple of whales were spouting inshore of them. Their own smoke hung still over the city and over the sea. One turned in to breakfast.

Half an hour later they were still there—as white as a row of exquisite teeth—as straight as . . . . as the firing of trucks behind a vanishing train. The engine, his smoke trailing seawards, seemed to tug his beautiful freight; tugged it over the waste; tugged it up to the skyline; tugged it over the edge—till there was left of it no more than one long brown plume of smoke and two white specks beneath.

THE LAST TRACE.

The last scene of all was the same with which they came at the very first. A steep bank of smoke hanging low along the horizon, then stooping suddenly to the ocean, like the promontory of some newly risen land, was the first sign of them at Auckland. It was the last sign of them here. A few people, perhaps half a hundred, stayed to watch it out. It was still there, very dim and faint, about noon; when one left to find the city looking like a schoolroom in the holidays, and the fleet gone to a great welcome in a sister State.

ROUNDING STRAGGLERS.

THIRTY JACKIES STILL MISSING.

A POSITIVE POLICEMAN'S EXPERIENCE.

Although the steam launches belonging to the fleet were going strong until after 2 o'clock yesterday morning putting the men who were on leave aboard, yet 91 of the sailors did not manage to get there. This was a small percentage, considering 4000 were ashore on the last night, and that every temptation to remain was in their way.

With the dawn the police found about a dozen of the men asleep in the Domain. They were aroused, and a steam launch signalled for, and one or two more were got in the direction of Double Bay, and they also were sent on board.

As soon as the ships had taken their departure the police began to look around for the stray sheep, and all day long stragglers were found here and there. These men were put on board the tender Yankton, which remained behind to gather up the men who missed the boat. She will leave for Melbourne on Saturday. Before the day was over quite 60 of the men who had broken leave were safely housed on board. It is generally understood among the police that they are to get £1 a head for every stray sailor they safely put on board, but an officer of the fleet said it might apply to deserters, but he doubted whether such a regulation of the American Navy would apply to men who had simply broken their leave, and could not in any way be called deserters. But the very fact of the police expecting a reward made them energetic in capturing the men ashore. This feature of the proceedings was exemplified in an amusing incident in George-street about noon yesterday. A young man with a strong American accent and in other respects resembling a bluejacket, but attired in plain clothes, stopped a constable and inquired the nearest way to reach the hospital ship of the American fleet. His accent and general appearance roused the suspicions of the constable, who said, "You are a member of the fleet, are you not?"

"No; but I want to enlist," he replied.

"That yarn won't do me," retorted the constable. "I will have to put you on board as a deserter."

"I guess I can't desert from a navy I want to join," said the young man.

"I have met your sort before," said the constable. "You will have to come along."

The constable took his man to Fort Macquarie, hired a waterman's boat, and had the stranger rowed over to the Yankton, which is lying at Neutral Bay.

As soon as they arrived on board the officer in charge looked the new arrival up and down, and then, turning to the constable, said, "This man don't belong to our party."

"I told him that before he started," said the young man, who produced papers showing that he had studied medicine and surgery for a number of years in the hospitals of America. He then explained to the officer in charge of the ship that he arrived here with Burns, the pugilist, a week or two ago, and was surgical attendant to Burns, with whom he had been to Paris and other parts. His desire when he stopped the constable in the street was to get on board the "Relief" with a view to enlisting in the medical section. Turning to the policeman, who was dumbfounded, the stranger remarked, "Perhaps you will be good enough to get me back to the dock, for you have delayed me an hour already."

Stepping out of the boat at Fort Macquarie the young man said to the constable, "You have given me a nice ride on the harbour, and I guess you'll pay the fare—4s. Good-day."

The constable paid the fare and went away, a sad but wiser man.

Large numbers of people lingered at Fort Macquarie during the day, and enjoyed the spectacle of the police bringing down the stray sailors for the boatmen to row over to the Yankton.

The majority of the men showed signs of having had a royal time of it. Many of them had lost all their money, and one or two were minus their caps. They seemed pleased to get aboard again, though sorry to leave Sydney, and as the waterman's boat pushed off some of them exclaimed, "Good old Sydney. So long, boys; you are a grand lot of fellows."

Late last night all but 30 of the missing men had been recovered.

ALONG THE COAST.

FROM MAROUBRA HILLS.

THE LAST VIEW.

The farewell whistlings of the steamers in the harbour could be distinctly heard in the sweet morning silence of the Maroubra Hills, from which the North Head is plainly seen, while to south the horizon fades on the line of the Illawarra Ranges. The seascape is the widest along the city's coast. The mist of harbour smoke from the departing fleet and farewelling steamers, drove over the cliffs between Ben Buckler and the South Head under the light westerly wind. From out of it a little after 9 o'clock the hull of the Connecticut showed dark, and then behind her came the long line, each shadowed side being landward. From south of Bronte the smoke drift ceased to cross the fleet's course, and the vessels steamed into a sea of blue below, with a heaven of blue above. Southward the line came plunging. The sea broke upon their bows, and was thrown aside majestically. The gliding motion that scarcely broke the way on the fleet's arrival was no longer here. The ships dashed forward faster and faster, and their trinities of smoke wracks rolled eastward mass upon mass, while the sun shone on cliff and hillside, and sea beach with a splendid brightness.

The "blue line of lifted sea" stretched full and free before them; Illawarra hills met it in the southern haze; a broad sun band shone behind them from the north as the sun followed them still as it has followed them all the way down the Pacific from San Francisco. Between the fleet and the hill-tops stretched a bar of sun-flecked blue, then lay a brown band of sandstone cliff scarfed white by the seas, while nearer the green brown heath-topped land sloped upward to the heights.

The sun lit up the hills and flashed from the stern-decks as further southward the line plunged on. The grandeur of the outgoing exceeded the splendour of the incoming. A fisher-boat lay landward of the track; beyond, a sailer drifted down the ocean under the kindly land breeze. A departing steamer bearing the last good-byes hung off the eastern side of the line, and at intervals whistled mournfully. A wheeling fish-hawk hung over the blue, and four white-pinioned swans speared their long necks in a south flight from the swamps of Narrabeen to take the message of the fleet to the lakes of Illawarra and beyond even away to Gippsland, in the southern sister State awaiting to give a second Australian welcome. But few people saw the fleet pass from this best of vantage points. Not one to acres of these wide uplands.

The peacefulness of the earth, the beauty of sea, sun, and hillsides, the majesty of the passing battleships with all the thousand thoughts that centred round them, made the sight of centuries. Where the valley dips into the sea Chinamen worked in their vegetable gardens, looked up for the moment, gesticulated, yaaed, and went on planting cabbages.

The fleet spread its smoke wracks again; under them the horizon shone a line of dark sapphire, the sun-shafts broke the smoke wracks, and threw silver and purple patches on the sea, and the distance caught the ships' lines and softened them into things of memory.

The fleet dipped miles down over the curve, and slowly disappeared over the horizon.

VIEW FROM CLIFTON.

CLIFTON, Thursday.

At a quarter to 10 this forenig the flagship of the American fleet cleared Port Hacking Point, and came into view of the watchers on all points of vantage along the coast in the vicinity of Clifton. The flagship was followed at an equal distance by the remaining vessels of the fleet, and in a few minutes the whole of the 16 were in full view of the spectators. The course steered was SE to a point about 12 miles from shore, then SSE, passing Clifton at 11.30 a.m., nearly 20 miles off the coast. The fleet remained in sight from 9.45 a.m. till 2 p.m., and then the smoke of the vessels gradually died away over the horizon. During the time the vessels were in view the greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and numbers of persons who were unable to visit Sydney during fleet week greatly appreciated the opportunity thus afforded.

SOUTH COAST DISAPPOINTED.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

Every elevated portion of the town was occupied by persons anxious to have a fare-well view of the American fleet, and great was the disappointment expressed when the fleet hove in sight to find that it was some 15 miles off the coast, thereby being hull down, and only smoke from the funnels being visible to the naked eye. The fleet passed the town between 12 and 1 o'clock, and was steaming so slowly that the spectators were able to make out the good stretch gained on them by a large boat with a white or yellow funnel on the same track. The boats passed considerably further out to sea than is usual for home boats to pass, and the positions could be made out by the aid of smoke till about 2.15 p.m.

AT KIAMA.

KIAMA, Thursday.

In view of the fact that a fortnight ago a joint request from the Wollongong and Kiama fleet reception committee was forwarded requesting that the battleships of the American Navy should steer a course near the coast, to enable the people who could not visit Sydney to get a view of the passing ships, some disappointment was felt here to-day when it was noticed that the fleet was beyond the horizon, so far as the town generally was concerned. From the top of the highest hills round Kiama the vessels appeared on the sky-line. The fleet passed Kiama about 1 p.m.

PASSING JERVIS BAY.

The armada passed Jervis Bay, 87 miles distant from Sydney, at 2.45 p.m., and the auxiliaries were signalled at 3.20 p.m. and at 4.20 p.m.

REMAINING SHIPS.

Several American uniforms are still seen about the streets, because all the ships of the U.S. Fleet have not yet sailed. Those remaining in port are the Yankton, tender, and the Relief, hospital ship. They will sail for Manila, via Thursday Island, as soon as they are ready for sea.

MOTOR CAR FOR JOURNALISTS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The American journalists who are visiting Australia with the fleet have accepted the offer of the Government to place a motor car at their disposal during their stay in Melbourne.

THE MEN WHO DID THE WORK.

MASTERING THE TRAIN TRAFFIC.

GREAT RESULTS.

The running of the trains during the fleet week's unprecedented rush to the city can only be characterised as in the highest degree commendable. All the members of the railway staff rose to the occasion nobly. Station-masters stayed on duty uncomplainingly, officers in charge accepted increased responsibilities without a word of protest, engine drivers, suddenly thrown upon a new time-table, kept their eyes on the signals and their hands tight on the levers, guards looked after the public safety and kept their trains, as well as they could, on time, and above all the signalmen did not spare themselves.

But, as the men of the interlocking signal staff are the nerves of the service, who can paralyse traffic, temporarily at any rate, so are the framers of the time-tables the blood of the railway body, and if anything goes wrong with either the nerves or the blood the rest of the system becomes powerless. Long before fleet week it was anticipated that the ordinary time-table, which provides for the safe running of hundreds of trains into and from the city, would be inadequate when the great rush occurred, and the men who juggle with quaint marks on a huge diagram were busy. They were prepared well ahead of events, and on August 18 every man whose duties demanded his attention to the running of the trains, had a new time-table of no less than 131 pages in his hand.

Ordinarily about 204 trains leave Sydney daily from the central station, but on the day the fleet entered the Heads the number of trains out was 297, all heavily laden with passengers. Practically a service of seven and a half minutes was maintained along the main suburban lines, and although there were extraordinary charges of the public on the cars at some stations, the hold-up of traffic was not serious, and above all it was free from serious mishap. There were occasional incidents where men, whose sense of balance had been disturbed, had falls, and a few slips which just escaped serious ending on the part of others who were not to blame. But, on the whole, the traffic was handled with the absolute minimum of loss of time, and the maximum of safety. This result is the more astonishing and satisfactory when it is remembered that the Sydney railway yard and station, commodious as it is, is not big enough for a great city. All the men who have to handle trains, the coaching staff who have to find the cars, the loco. people who furnish the engines, the shunters, the couplers, the gas men, the cleaners, and everybody else who has anything at all to do with the business, unite in a chorus for more room, more docks, more platforms, more shunting facilities.

Fifteen platforms were in constant use for the passenger traffic, even the horse platforms being utilised for the accommodation of the public, and four more platforms would therefore have been welcome.

Taking the train arrivals on August 20 as 289, which was the number that had to be pushed into Sydney station on that day, multiplying by nine, which was about the average number of cars on each train, and multiplying that again by 80, which was about the average number of people in each car, shows that over 215,000 persons were carried in the one day into Sydney. Surely this a feat of which the railway service should be proud. It is difficult to individualise in giving credit to the staff, but certainly Mr. C. A. Hodgson (superintendent of lines), Mr. J. Mara (assistant superintendent), Mr. T. E. Williams (chief of time tables department), and Mr. F. Cole (assistant) deserve equal praise with the men under them for the way they managed their end of the business. A good deal was left to the staff, but certainly Mr. C. A. Hodgson (superintendent of lines), Mr. J. Mara (assistant superintendent), Mr. T. E. Williams (chief of time tables department), and Mr. F. Cole (assistant) deserve equal praise with the men under them for the way they managed their end of the business. A good deal was left to special officers at stations respecting the running of relief trains which were in waiting at such stations as Ashfield, Homebush and Hurstville, and when the local platforms became too crowded the special cars came into commission.

But the men in the signal boxes deserve equal credit. Their concern was not so much the running of trains to time as their safe running. At times everything gives place to that paramount consideration, and rightly so. Therefore the men in the boxes, keeping their "eyes on the enemy"—the little quivering electric hands on a dial—are in a sense superior to the folk who design the time tables. Sometimes the tables go by the board when a train is derailed, and then it is that the men at the levers in those secret boxes into which the public are never admitted are the masters of the situation. If they hang trains too long on their sections they hear about it, and however good they may be at bending their mus-

THE MELBOURNE VISIT.

ROUTE OF THE PROCESSION.

INFLUX OF VISITORS.

75,000 INVITATIONS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

On the day of the official landing the procession will enter the city at Princes Bridge, and thence proceed along Swanston-street to Bourke-street, along Bourke-street to William-street, down William-street to Collins-street, along Collins-street to Spring-street, and along Spring, Evelyn, and Nicholson streets to the Exhibition entrance.

The following route has been arranged for the torchlight procession in the evening of the same day:—Start from the head station of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade at 8 o'clock, down Victoria-parade, along Evelyn-street to Spring-street, down Collins-street, along Exhibition, down Bourke-street, along Elizabeth-street, up Collins-street, along William-street, down Bourke-street, along Swanston-street, across Princes Bridge on to St. Kilda-road, and then disband.

Country and interstate visitors continued to pour into Melbourne to-day. It is estimated that the incoming specials carried over 5000 passengers. Three divisions of the Sydney express arrived with approximately 1200 passengers. The American residents in Melbourne will present Admiral Sperry with a large punchbowl of sterling silver magnificently engraved, and having on the sides representations of seahorses. The commissariat steamer Cutgoa, which is accompanying the American fleet, arrived to-day, and anchored off Williamstown, half a mile or so from the anchorage selected for her warlike consorts.

About 75,000 invitation cards in connection with the several functions arranged by the Commonwealth for the entertainment of the American Admiral, officers, and men have been issued by the fleet reception committee. The Premier to-day received the following telegram from Admiral Sperry:—"On behalf of the Government of the United States and the officers and men of the United States Atlantic Fleet, I heartily thank you, and through you the Government and people of Victoria, for your message of welcome."

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dles over the levers there is nothing they so little relish as having to write replies to laconic requests such as "please explain." They were on deck in relays as long as they could possibly manage—indeed, in some of the small signal boxes the signallers could not "cut out" till hours after the usual time for knocking off. Theirs is no light work. Apart from the physical exertion of pulling the levers which send the signals out of the normal position which they have to undergo, there is the incessant watchfulness of small discs in the signal boxes, which are electrically controlled from other boxes on the "up" and "down" side, the perplexing quiverings of the aforementioned hand on the dial, the telephone calls and the book entries of figures which keep them dancing. The signaller has no time for thoughts of the fleet or anything else outside his box, and his is the position that cannot be filled in a moment. The work demands persistent attention to keep the traffic on the move. Mr. C. Wilkin, the interlocking engineer, is deservedly proud of his staff.

Nor must the work of the drivers and firemen be belittled. To them the time tables are at all times a trouble, for plenty of things not recognised by "tables" happen on locomotives and during the running. "Tables" is a cold callous paper record to them, taking no account of human movements and the vagaries of machinery. So they forget the time table when they can, and with their fingers on the levers watch for the warning signals. They read these as they fly, and they sometimes impatiently whistle to "signals," fearing that they have been forgotten. The unisonal work of the service undoubtedly has been manifest lately, and the public, like the Commissioners, may be proud of its railway servants.

TOWN HALL'S WORK.

A STRENUOUS WEEK.

Yesterday the Lord Mayor expressed his gratification at the excellent work of the City Council's staff during fleet week. They succeeded, continued Alderman Hughes, in keeping the city in most excellent order. The strain on the city surveyors' department and the city cleansing department was much greater than usual; but, in spite of the large influx of visitors from the country, and the increase in the street traffic, the streets and parks were kept free from litter. The newly-erected baskets at the corners of the streets for the reception of used tram tickets have already proved a success, as may be seen from the number of tickets deposited in them, which, under other circumstances, would be blowing about the streets.

The electric lighting department of the City Council successfully bore the extra strain upon it, and the illuminations were undoubtedly the best on record, owing largely to the greatly increased use of electric light as compared with former years. The city architect's department was also severely taxed in completing the decorations of the municipal buildings and parks, as well as of the sections of the streets entrusted to it, and the result was most pleasing. Probably the officers in charge of the Town Hall itself were among the most hard-worked in the service, as their duties in preparing the hall for the long succession of entertainments held in it kept them busy not only throughout the day, but usually far into the night.

Acknowledgment should also be made of the prompt and patriotic response made by builders and contractors in removing hoardings around buildings in course of erection in the city.

In conclusion, the Lord Mayor added, a word of praise should be given to the police and the tramway officers for the excellent and good-tempered way in which they handled the enormous traffic, and Sydney may generally congratulate herself on a most successful week.

TRIBUTE TO THE POLICE.

The Inspector-General of Police (Mr. Thomas Garvin) has paid a high tribute to the metropolitan and country police in connection with the visit of the fleet. He says in a minute to Superintendent Sherwood:—"Now that the American fleet has departed from Sydney, I am pleased to be able to say that I am well satisfied with the painstaking and creditable manner in which the metropolitan police and the country police brought to the city to assist in the maintenance of order, carried out their duties. The excellent order that prevailed during the whole period of the celebrations, and the freedom from crime of a serious nature, are further proofs of the efficiency of our police force. Notwithstanding the numerous calls made upon the police and the long hours of duty, they were, in many instances, called upon to perform, they carried out their work in a cheerful manner, as they invariably do, when called upon to act upon occasions of importance, when dealing with large gatherings of the public." A detachment of 250 police, 100 of whom were mounted, and 150 foot, were brought in from the country for the celebrations.

SMOKE CONCERT TO COUNTRY OFFICERS.

A complimentary smoke concert was tendered last evening at the New Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street, to the country police on special duty in Sydney in connection with the visit of the American fleet by their metropolitan comrades. The hall was packed, there being besides a gallery full of ladies at least 400 members of the force present, including Superintendents Sherwood, Mitchell, and Edward, Inspectors Roche, M'Vane, and Collins, Sub-inspector Tate, Childs, Baxter, and Spence, and Mr. M'Call (secretary to the Inspector-General). The Police Band, under Mr. W. G. Bentley, A.R.C.M. (bandmaster), rendered several selections excellently. Mr. John Lemmone and Mr. Syd. Shipway's comic songs were received with enthusiasm, and items by Messrs. Harry Ratcliffe and W. J. Clarke, Senior-constable Mankey, Constables Nott and F. Mitchell, and Master F. Mitchell were all most popular. Mr. W. Clark was the accompanist. Superintendent Sherwood, on behalf of the metropolitan police, welcomed their country comrades, alluded to the long hours and trying circumstances that they had lately put up without grumbling, and hoped that they would carry away with them pleasant memories of a pleasant night. Sergeant Cook, of Glen Innes, replied on behalf of the country police.

FAREWELL SCENES.

AT MRS. MACQUARIE'S CHAIR.

Never in the history of the Domain has Mrs. Macquarie's Chair presented such a scene at midnight as it did on Wednesday.

The temporary staging was used by the men on leave to embark each night for their ships. On Wednesday evening 4000 were ashore. They had orders that they must be on board before midnight. Some of them, tired out, and with empty pockets, returned by steam launches early in the evening, but it was not till after 11 p.m. that the rush set in. Down they came in hundreds. All as jolly as sandboys. Some of them with girls, who had come to say farewell. Many drove down in cabs, others arrived in motor cars, others walked, singing about "Sydney town."

The Sydney people, despite the lateness of the hour, rolled up in large numbers to shake hands with the men, and at the same time to wish them God-speed. Many of the partings were most affectionate. The men were loth to leave, and the friends they had made here were just as loth to part with them.

As each steam launch, and there were a fleet of them, moved away loaded with men for the different ships, cheer after cheer went up from the shore, and was returned from the boats. The scene was a most animated one, and it continued so until nearly 2 a.m., at which hour most of the men were aboard, and citizens had turned their faces in the direction of their homes.

THE SYDNEY CELEBRATIONS.

MR. PRICE'S IMPRESSIONS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Premier (Mr. Price) who went to Sydney to represent South Australia at the celebrations in connection with the visit of the fleet, returned to Adelaide to-day. Mr. Price said: "The festivities at Sydney went off well. Good feeling was shown towards the Americans, and it was a great and impressive show. It was an inspiring sight to see a people who had been tied up for over 100 years by the Monroe doctrine of non-interference with other nations, going in for a navy as an effective weapon of defence. At the various banquets good speeches were made, but you could feel, when listening to the speeches of the admirals and others, that underneath the whole thing there was something more than appeared on the surface. What it is I don't know, and this is not a judicious time to say anything about it. The crowds were great and enthusiastic, but sober and well-behaved, as were also the crews. The review, in which 13,000 took part, was a great sight. The feature of the celebrations was the reunion of politicians from the various States."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOURERS.

SOCIETY ON THE FLEET.

A JACKY TESTIFIES.

The New South Wales Christian Endeavour Union did its share in the welcome of the American fleet on Wednesday night by a crowded meeting in Scots Church. Rev. C. J. Tinsley, of Stanmore, presided, and the meeting was marked by great enthusiasm. There were about a dozen American sailors present, but the smallness of the number was due to the fact that the association was only founded in June on the Vermont.

Mr. G. E. Bodley, the general secretary of the Christian Endeavour Union, said that during the past few days they had had dinned into their ears the ties of kinship, but Endeavourers ended a much closer welcome, for both had the one Master. The movement itself came from the United States—in fact, its founder, Dr. Clark, was still working there.

Mr. H. D. Gilbert, superintendent of the floating societies, asked them all to pray for the Endeavourers on board the fleet, and hoped that their number might grow.

After the meeting had given an Endeavour salute by waving handkerchiefs, the sailors gave their testimony. Most of them were brief, but none were bashful, and the meeting gave them a warm reception. Brother Saunders (president of the society) gave greetings from the Atlantic Christian Endeavour Union. "I'm not going to give a speech," he said, "because I'm not a speaker, but I know what I mean, and I know how to say it. (Applause.) We like to meet people who are Christians seven days in the week. On a United States man-of-war you can't think without someone overhearing—that is, if you think very loud. You had to be a Christian all the time. We don't want members who can't attend roll-call; ink is too scarce." (Laughter.)

After several other sailors, including Brother Howe, the secretary, had said a few words, the previous speaker gave a lively account of Endeavour work on board a battleship. He said: "The first time you make a little side-step, these people who sit in the seats of the scornful—at least, they sit on their ditty boxes—(laughter)—give you a call, and they're always ready to scorn you. It's not easy to find a place on board ship for meeting. You might as well kneel down in the street in front of a tram. You'll have bad luck. (Laughter.) Our room is 15 feet below water-line, but we don't keep the door shut."

He also remarked that the men of the American Navy stood as high morally as other young men in civilian life. (Applause.) He concluded by apologising for some rather straight criticism of Endeavour work by saying: "I thought I ought to hand out some sauce; you trampled on my clothes, so I thought I would trample on yours."

A TRIP FOR THE INVALIDS.

The directors of the Balmain New Ferry Company took a number of convalescents from the U.S.S. Relief for a trip round the harbour yesterday afternoon in the Lady Manning. A run up Middle Harbour was made first of all, and a course was then steered for The Avenue, Lane Cove, where the party landed, and partook of light refreshments. Mr. W. C. Macdougall (chairman of the company), and Alderman Laws (Mayor of Balmain) welcomed the guests, and Mr. Alexander (pharmacist on the Relief), responded on behalf of the men. The afternoon was perfect, and an enjoyable time was spent.

VISIT TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Thursday.

With reference to the American fleet's visit to Albany, Sir John Forrest has telegraphed to the Premier as follows:—"Admiral Sperry writes to me: 'It will give me great pleasure to receive an address at Albany, and to meet your wishes in every possible way. It was only my intention to intimate that entertainments involving absence from the ship for more than one day could hardly be expected, owing to the pressure of fleet business. It is my intention to allow our men leave during the daytime in such numbers as may be suitable to the wishes of the authorities. It is not possible to divide the fleet, as all the colliers are under charter to Albany. The chief-of-staff has full authority to make all arrangements agreeable to you.'"

The reception committee have arranged a rough programme for the entertainment of officers and men at Albany on Saturday, September 12, after the arrival of the fleet in St. George's Sound. Official calls will be made on Admiral Sperry. On Monday Admiral Sperry will land, and will be presented with an address of welcome, and entertained with other officers at luncheon. During the remainder of the stay a sports meeting will be held, and officers and men otherwise entertained.

BRITISH TARS APPRECIATIVE.

The secretary to the committee of State Ministers, which had the arrangements for the fleet visit in hand, has received from Mr. Gilbert, secretary to Admiral Poore, a letter acknowledging the receipt of theatre tickets for the officers and men of the Royal Navy for matinees at the various theatres. Mr. Gilbert added: "These tickets have been duly distributed to H.M. ships present, and I beg to express, on behalf of the officers and men, their great appreciation of the boon conferred on them by the managers of the Sydney theatres."

WELCOME FROM WYALONG.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

A very large number of town and district people visited Sydney for the fleet celebrations. The Bland Shire Council sent a message of welcome through the president (Mr. George Pewton), and received the following reply:—"Hearty thanks for your message of welcome to the Atlantic fleet. Sperry."

WELCOME TO MELBOURNE.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

ADMIRAL SPERRY'S REPLY.

The Reuter Company was entrusted by the Governor of Victoria with the following wireless message to Rear-Admiral Sperry, aboard the Connecticut:—

"Melbourne, Thursday. On behalf of the State of Victoria, I ask you to assure your fleet that as hearty a welcome awaits them here on their visit to the Commonwealth of Australia as we are all glad to know met them in New South Wales."

Admiral Sperry replied to the Governor of Victoria:—

"Accept on behalf of the Government of the United States and the Atlantic fleet my hearty thanks for your message of welcome. Having experienced at Sydney the hospitality of the Government and people of the Commonwealth, we need no assurance of the generous welcome which awaits us at Melbourne, and all are looking forward with most pleasurable anticipation to better acquaintance with our kinsmen of Victoria. (Signed) Sperry."

POLITICIANS' ALLOWANCES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Assembly sat two hours only to-day in order to enable members to catch the train for Melbourne in connection with the visit of the fleet. When the House met Ministers were asked whether the leaders of the parties had been consulted with reference to the allowance granted to members, as it had been stated in the press that members of the Opposition would refrain from receiving payment. The Premier stated that it was a fact that the leaders were consulted, and they had acquiesced in the arrangement by the Government. Owing, however, to the expression of public opinion through the press, a number of members had decided not to take the allowance, while others would not make the trip.

THE MARCH OF THE CADETS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Steady progress has been made by the Ballarat naval cadets, who are marching to Melbourne for the fleet festivities. They reached Melton this afternoon, and pitched their tents in the State school reserve. The boys have stood the journey very well. They played football after pitching camp this evening.

BAND CONTESTS.

Following is the result of placings in the band contest, Class A, decided at the Sydney Sports Ground, during the fleet week:—

Newtown Band (J. Devlin), test piece, 73 points; own choice, 100; total, 173 points 1
Maitland Federal Band (W. Fitness), test piece, 60 points; own choice, 90; total, 150 2
Rozelle Band (A. Lovell), test piece, 55 points; own choice, 78; total, 133 3
Bathurst Band (Lewins), test piece, 62 points; own choice, 70; total, 132 4
Tramway Band (J. O'Shea), test piece, 58 points; own choice, 73; total, 131 5
Metropolitan Band (J. Palmer), test piece, 55 points; own choice, 75; total, 130 6

A SAILOR IN TROUBLE.

At the Central Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr. J. L. King, S.M., William Reeves, 21, seaman on the U.S.S. Kansas, was charged with assaulting Constable Charles Hobbs in the execution of his duty, and with maliciously damaging the officer's uniform cap.

Superintendent Sherwood asked to be allowed to withdraw the charge. Two of the officers of the Kansas were present, with an escort, who would convey the accused on board, where he would be duly punished. The men of the fleet, although allowed ashore in large numbers, had as a body shown most exemplary conduct; and under the circumstances perhaps his Worship would accede to the request.

The magistrate in granting the application said he hoped the American naval authorities would see that Reeves would not be guilty of any such action again in this port.

One of the officers replied that Reeves would not be allowed ashore again.

Reeves and another sailor became obstreperous in a Goulburn-street hotel, and Constable Hobbs was called in. He endeavoured to get them to leave the hotel, but they turned on him and kicked and knocked him about, so that he had to go off duty. He managed, however, to get Reeves to the station, the other man escaping.

AN AGENCY IN NEW YORK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The visit of the U.S. fleet has been such a distinguished success, and interest in Australia has been so keenly aroused in the American visitors, it would be a wise act of the Commonwealth to follow up this enthusiasm by opening at once an office in New York for the generous distribution of books, pamphlets, agricultural information, and the display of the productions of these colonies.

It is Australia's own fault that she is neglected, and not better known throughout the world. We have been niggardly in the distribution of literature, which would convey to nations practical proof of our immense mineral wealth, the extent of our country, the beauty of the scenery, and fruitfulness of our soil.

The various State Governments are at last—in a very hazy manner—beginning to realise this fact, but the circulation of pamphlets is haphazard and paltry.

We have produced a number of handbooks which should be lavishly distributed, such as "The Official Year Book," "Mineral Resources of New South Wales," and that monument of Australian enterprises, "Australasia Illustrated," also the various handbooks and guides issued by each of the States.

I am, etc.,
Aug. 27. J. W. KETTLEWELL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The American Fleet has come and gone. All have read your comments upon the cordial meeting of the two nations, as evinced at the public functions. I should like, with your permission, to add my experience as an onlooker during the week. I was among the crowds on the coast on their arrival, and I never saw a vast body of people so thoroughly in accord in heartfelt welcome. As to their city welcome, that has been ably described by the press. Now that they have gone, we are impressed that our cousins carry away with them the idea that America and Australia are brothers indeed, and that New South Wales in particular is a land of great possibilities. We want population, and our cousins without doubt are convinced, many of them practically, that New South Wales is unsurpassed for its climate and productions, and, above all, for its free laws. This trip is an advertisement nothing could eclipse, and the brotherly welcome of many thousands of American citizens will live long in the memories of our visitors, and will be diffused throughout the length and breadth of Columbia. Now is the time to strike while the iron is hot. Our vast unsettled territory west and north is a menace to us. The coloured man says: "The white man invades our country; why should they (the whites), like a dog in the manger, monopolise such almighty gifts while we languish for homes?" Quite logical this; and unless strenuous measures are at once taken, great trouble will come to us through these vast unutilised possessions. Another inducement for American settlement is the fact that the racial wars of their country are growing alarmingly, and many would gladly migrate to such a climate as we are blessed with.

I am, etc.,
Aug. 27. CHAS. ALLEN.

CHILDREN'S DISPLAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Might I suggest to the authorities the advisability of repeating at an early convenient date "the children's display," which was evidently the crowning function of the many brilliant ones arranged to welcome the visit of the American fleet to Sydney. Thousands were unable to gain admission on Wednesday to what has been described by world-wide travellers as the most inspiring gathering and effective display by children ever witnessed.

The proceeds could be devoted towards raising a fitting children's memorial to perpetuate this historic event, besides assisting to make and foster a true Australian sentiment.

I am, etc.,
WM. H. EDGAR,
Aug. 27. State Parliament, Melbourne.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The display of the Public school children in honour of the visit of the American fleet, which was given yesterday afternoon at the Sydney Cricket Ground, has been spoken of as being the very best performance of the whole week. Many thousands of people were unable to obtain admission to the ground, while many thousands who were fortunate enough to gain admission were unable, through the excessive crush, to see the performance to its best advantage. In addition, the day not being a public holiday, there were many who were not able to leave their businesses, and so were debarred the pleasure.

Might I suggest to the officials of the Public Instruction Department that the display should be repeated, but not at the Cricket Ground.

After the success of the review on Monday, I venture to think that the display by the children would be best suited for Centennial Park, where a quarter of a million spectators can be properly accommodated. The expense of such display has, I think, been amply covered by yesterday's entrance fees, and if not, then the spectators at Centennial Park will be only too willing to assist at a general collection. I am, etc.,
Aug. 27. GEO. W. SHERRING.

SUPPORT THE ROYAL NAVY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Now that the American Fleet has left our State, I should like to pass my opinion of the whole affair as an Englishman and a member of his Majesty's Navy. There is no doubt New South Wales has given these Americans a right royal time, and good luck to them for doing so; but do we realise that as a country we have spent more in a week on this fleet than we spend in a twelvemonth on our own? Australia, roughly speaking, supplies one quarter of the world's gold, and out of this the poor sum of £200,000 is given to the support of the navy, which at any moment may be called upon to defend the shores of our Commonwealth. At the present time this great question of the defence of our shores is very much in the minds of the people, and the visit of such a fleet as has been with us this week cannot but impress the public with the fact that the upkeep and maintenance of such a body of men must be pretty large.

I read with much interest from time to time articles on this subject in your publications, and as one who has studied the question for some time I cannot help thinking that the people of this country care little or nothing for the first line of defence of this great Empire of ours. We have of late heard something of Australia building her own navy, but those who know the construction of the internals of our great fighting ships realise that Australia's fleet would be out of date before they tasted salt water. Australia is too young yet to have her own navy. Her day will come without a doubt, but in the meantime let her realise the importance of this question, and the only way to get out of our present defenceless condition is, in my mind, to pay more to the upkeep of our British navy, and demand in return more boats and men to protect us, for no man is to be expected to give his money for nothing. I am, etc.,
T. M. D. MUNDLE,
Aug. 27. Member of R.N.V.R., London.

THE TRAMS AND THE FLEET.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—May I, with your kind permission, suggest to the Railway Commissioners that they recognise the arduous work performed by the men during the last few days by a little extra remuneration. When, Sir, we think of the enormous thousands of people that have travelled on the trams the last few days, I think, Sir, it speaks volumes for the men that there have been so few accidents. I am, etc.,
J. SOLOMON.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The correspondence in your issues of the 14th, 17th, and 18th instant shows that the national flag of America, as originally designed and adopted by Congress, had upon it stars and stripes or bars, and that at some period after the year 1818 the former were omitted, and an emblem known in heraldry as a "mullet" substituted and used down to the present time. Though search has been made for it no official record could be found authorising the change.

Why were stars and stripes selected as the emblems to be placed upon the flag of America? This question is one that historians appear not to have considered it necessary to explain; another is the reason for America adopting an eagle for her crest. The following will perhaps be accepted as a reasonable solution of the problem, viz.: Washington, Adams, and Franklin were appointed a committee to select a design for the national flag. The family arms of Washington (descended from a distinguished English family) included on the shield two red bars, or stripes, on a white field; to this circumstance I attribute the red and white stripes on the flag. The seal used by Adams represented an eagle bearing in its claws the lyre of Orion, both being surrounded by a circle of 13 stars, each having six points; to this fact I believe the original flag owed its stars and America its crest (the eagle). The resolution of Congress adopting the design, submitted by the above committee, was as follows:—"That the flag of the 13 States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." It is worthy of note that the stars on the first flag were placed as on Adams' seal. Further, it has been suggested that the idea of the "new" constellation was derived from the analogy of the "old" constellation of Orion. I am, etc.,
C. T. BURFITT.
August 24.

An ingenious inventor has patented an electric foot warmer, which is in the shape of a pair of light felt overshoes. An electric battery supplies the source of current, and insulated wires are the heating element. When the "boots" are pulled on a touch of a button starts the current, and the foot is soon comfortable in a genial warmth.

PERSONAL.

The friends of Mrs. David, wife of Professor David, will be sorry to hear that she is in poor health. She was to have read a paper on "Housewifery Schools" at the Women's Patriotic Club last night, but did not do so on account of her medical adviser recommending a complete rest till after the new year.

Mr. T. B. Dibbs, Vice-Consul, will act as Consul for Sweden at Sydney during the absence of Count Morner, who has gone on a trip to Europe.

The town clerk (Mr. T. H. Nesbitt) left by the express last night for Melbourne to take part in the festivities to the American fleet. He is expected to return to Sydney on Thursday next.

Mr. Ivan Nelson has been appointed commercial agent for the United States of Brazil at Sydney. His office will be at the Brazilian Consulate.

After an illness extending over several months, Mr. James Robertson, the well-known public accountant, died at Springwood yesterday, aged 53. The late Mr. Robertson took a great interest in religious and philanthropic work, and was at one time superintendent of Pitt-street Congregational Sunday School, and later on of Petersham Congregational Sunday School. He also was much interested in musical matters, and was for upwards of 20 years a member of the Sydney Liedertafel. In 1894 he was appointed a member of the Royal Commission to inquire into the Public Service, and his labours in connection therewith were greatly appreciated by the Government. The late Mr. Robertson was also one of the founders of the Sydney Institute of Public Accountants, of which for many years he was a member of the council. Mr. Robertson left a widow, five daughters, and a son.

The following candidates have passed the final law examination in the sections noted:—Section 1: H. M. Barker, H. R. Barnier, T. P. Bowdren, L. R. Gale, F. A. L. O'Donnell, H. S. Palmer. Section 2: T. P. Bowdren, L. M. Grainger, E. E. Jennings, J. Magney, E. W. Owen, S. D. Paton, D. G. Walker. Section 3: F. Biggs, F. C. Emanuel, A. E. Lewis, E. N. Poole, T. L. Selk, W. A. Tompson. Section 4: D. G. Bathgate, A. C. W. Hill, S. T. Hodge, R. J. Jacobs, C. M. Macnaghten, H. E. Manning, M. C. Moors. Criminal law: R. J. Jacobs.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

LEVEE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency the Governor-General will hold a farewell levee at Government House, Sydney, on Friday, September 4, at 4 p.m.

There will be no order of precedence in the presentation of public bodies, but members thereof are requested to assemble, as much as possible, with the bodies to which they belong.

Each gentleman attending the levee is required to bring a card, on which his name should be distinctly printed or written, for announcement to his Excellency.

Gentlemen having official uniform are expected to wear levee dress; others are requested to wear Court, evening, or morning dress.

RECEPTION AND FAREWELL.

Sydney will be en fete again on Tuesday, September 8, to bid the new Governor-General, Lord Dudley, welcome, and to speed the parting Governor-General, Lord Northcote.

It is understood that the Government will leave the more substantial portions of the fleet decorations, such as the masts and flag-poles, in position, in order that they may be re-dressed in readiness for the arrival of Lord Dudley.

The landing will take place at Farm Cove, and there will be a reception at the pavilion in the Domain, where last week the State's welcome was accorded to Admiral Sperry. There will be a short procession from the Domain by way of the gate at St. Mary's Cathedral, thence to King-street, and along Macquarie-street to Government House. The route of march will be gaily decorated, but there will be no night illuminations.

The farewell dinner to be given by members of both Houses of the State Parliament to Lord Northcote will take place at Parliament House on Friday night.

LATE MR. ALEX SLOAN.

ESTATE VALUED AT £74,651.

Application for reseal of probate granted by the Victorian Court in respect of the estate of the late Alexander Sloan, of Mulwala, who died in Melbourne last October, has been approved. Testator, by his will, executed on September 18, 1905, appointed his widow, and his sons, James Sloan, grazier, of Mulwala, Thomas Gibson Sloan, grazier, of Moorilla (Young), and William Sloan, grazier, of Savernake (Victoria), to be executrix and executors. To his widow he bequeathed the use of his furniture and household appointments for life, and directed that after her death, the furniture and appointments should be divided equally among his nine children. Testator devised his real estate to his executors, and empowered them to sell it at their discretion, and divide the proceeds equally among his nine children. He bequeathed his personal estate to the executors, with instructions to set aside a sufficient sum to provide an annual income of £500, to be paid to his widow during her lifetime, and afterwards to have the amount so invested divided in equal shares between his children. The residue of the estate was left to the children in equal shares. The net value of the estate in New South Wales is sworn at £74,651.

THE BRAYBROOK DISASTER.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

One more victim has been claimed by the terrible disaster at Braybrook on Easter Monday last. Edward Joseph Inglis, 17 years of age, who was amongst those injured in the accident, died this morning at Surrey Hills. Young Inglis had apparently recovered from his injuries, and had returned to his employment. He was not in robust health, but he had never been a strong lad. When he returned home last evening he had his dinner as usual, and amused himself until about 9 o'clock. He then complained of a headache, and went to bed. At 11 o'clock he called his mother, and said that he felt very ill. He was seized with a severe attack of vomiting, but after a cloth steeped in vinegar had been applied to his head he went to sleep. As he was no better this morning medical aid was summoned; but the youth died before the doctor arrived. By a peculiar coincidence it was only yesterday that the Railway Department paid over a sum of money which he agreed to accept in settlement of his claim for damages.

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP.

BURNS v LAING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The contest between Burns and Bill Laing, the Australian champion, for the world's boxing championship, will take place on Thursday morning next at the Stadium, South Melbourne.

AUSTRALASIAN FOOTBALL CARNIVAL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Australasian football jubilee carnival was continued to-day on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The match was between New South Wales and Queensland. There was not much interest in the game, but it was closely contested, and resulted in a win for New South Wales by 13 goals 15 behinds to Queensland's 8 goal 11 behinds.

PAYMENT OF ALDERMEN.

SUGGESTION FROM SHELLHARBOUR.

ALBION PARK, Thursday.

The council of the Shellharbour municipality are sending out circular letters to all the municipalities in the State asking the co-operation of the councils in having the Local Government Act amended to provide for the payment of aldermen. It is understood that the matter will be brought up at the annual session of the Local Government Association to be held on the 2nd prox.

A NINE-MILE PHOTOGRAPH

OF THE AMERICAN FLEET.

Showing the arrival off the coast and progress towards Sydney—the turn and line ahead, sweep out to sea, and the wheel in shorewards again, and entrance through the Heads and up the Harbour to the Anchorage around Bradley's Head; the shore crowded with thousands of spectators, from the Signal Station right round to the Harbour forming the foreground. The price of this remarkable picture—3 feet 6 inches long, with attractive cover—is only Sixpence, and can be obtained now from All Booksellers and Stationers; or from the Publisher, Swain and Co., Moore-street.—Advt.

SIGNALS FROM AN ISLAND.

ARE CASTAWAYS THERE?

IN THE TRACK OF THE AEON.

The news that signals were made from Sydney Island—one of the Phoenix Group—to the big steamer Willesden as she passed that lonely spot in the South Seas on her way from Puget Sound to Sydney, formed one of the principal topics in maritime circles yesterday, and the opinion was expressed that an investigation should be immediately made to ascertain whether castaways are there.

Captain Raeburn, of the Willesden, said that he passed Sydney Island on the 12th inst, and when 10 miles away an attempt was made by those on shore to attract his attention. The people on the island hoisted a flag on a pole and then ignited a huge fire on the foreshores. Had the signals been made earlier in the day Captain Raeburn would have returned, but as it was late in the afternoon he decided to continue on his course. Had he responded to the signals a night might have been lost, and as he had no coal to spare he did not desire to prolong the voyage unnecessarily.

The track of vessels bound from San Francisco to Samoa and Auckland is only a little to the eastward of the Phoenix Group, and should a vessel break down she would probably drift in the direction of Sydney Island. The big steamer Aeon is now seriously overdue at Auckland from San Francisco, and it has been suggested that the object of the islanders in signalling the Willesden may have been to communicate tidings of the missing vessel.

The Aeon sailed from San Francisco for Sydney, via ports, as long ago as July 5, and when the last mail left Apia, Samoa, she had not arrived there. The vessel is now 54 days out—double the time usually occupied in making the complete voyage—and much anxiety is entertained. Beyond instructing the masters of the outward-bound San Francisco steamer Yeddo and the inward-bound steamer Lord Sefton to keep a strict lookout no arrangements have yet been made for a search. Our cable messages a few days ago stated that re-insurances on the Aeon had been effected at a premium of 30 guineas per cent.

Sydney Island is leased by Lever's Plantations, Ltd., and is used as a plantation for copra. About 12 employees of the company reside there, and calls are occasionally made by Lever's steamer Upolu. Mr. J. Meek, the Sydney manager of Lever Bros., does not regard the signalling as indicating that a shipping mishap has occurred, because, he says, the residents of the isolated islands in the South Seas leased by his company are in the habit of making signals to passing vessels, in order to secure copies of newspapers. When a steamer heaves to in response to signals the islanders put off in a boat, glad of the opportunity to converse with people from civilised regions. The only steamers regularly sighted from Sydney Island are the Canadian-Australian mail liners.

The suggestion is being made that a warship from this station or one of the Government steamers should be forthwith despatched to investigate the mystery. The steamer Upolu, now in the Solomon Islands, will not, unfortunately, visit the Phoenix Group during her present cruise, so that unless a special vessel is sent no news from Sydney Island will be received for some months.

DESCRIPTION OF SYDNEY ISLAND.

Sydney Island consists of a coral reef surrounding a lagoon with no opening. The reef is steep-to around, except on the western side, where there is an anchorage, and wild ducks are to be found in the lagoon. It is two miles long, 1½ mile broad, and 20ft high. Owing, however, to the growth of trees, the island appears to be 90ft in height. Mariners are advised when proceeding to this island to make full allowance for the current, which runs to the westward at a rate of from one to 1½ knot an hour.

Guano works established on the island some years ago are now closed, and the place is under cocoanut cultivation. Fish are abundant, and turtle are occasionally obtainable, but there is no fresh water. The western side of the island is in lat. 4.27deg 22min S, and long. 171.15deg 9min west. The spring tides rise about 4ft.

Sydney and Hull islands are the only islands of the group where vegetation exists, but all are coral, surrounded by fringing reefs.

RIFLE CLUB MOVEMENT.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

IMPROVEMENT IN MARKSMANSHIP.

The annual returns published by the officer supervising rifle clubs shows that the rifle-shooting movement is making rapid strides in New South Wales. On June 30 there were 13,337 names on the roll, an increase of 2510 for the year. Of this number 8361, or about 62½ per cent., were exercised, and the same percentage classed as efficient. The marksmen totalled 3024, or 36 per cent., compared with 32½ per cent. last year. The number returned as first-class shots was 2562, nearly 31 per cent., as against 31½ per cent. in 1906-07.

In Victoria there are 21,813 on the roll, an increase of 2600 during the year. Of this number only 11,470, or 52¼ per cent., were exercised, and out of these 4428, or 38½ per cent., qualified as marksmen, and 3199, or 28 per cent., as first-class shots.

The best total got by any reservist in this State was 189. This was secured by Arthur Cutler, of Bathurst. Victoria, however, has a rifleman, J. Phillips, of Minyip, who is credited with the possible—196 points—while two others got 193.

Following is a record of the returns for the past four years:—

Year.	Number on Roll on 30th June.	Exercised.	Not Exercised.	Total Number of Efficients.	Marksmen.	First-class.	Second-class.	Third-class.	Unclassified.
1904-5 ..	5,317	4193	1124	4114	1570	1272	794	449	168
1905-6 ..	8,434	5885	2549	5755	1834	1833	1084	828	309
1906-7 ..	10,827	6850	3977	6939	2227	2145	1319	901	258
1907-8 ..	13,337	8361	4976	8358	3024	2562	1547	942	286

AN EXPENSIVE BLAST.

In blasting some rock which was necessary of removal to form the footway in Queen Victoria-street, Bexley, some workmen had a narrow escape, whilst some residents on the opposite side of the street had their property damaged considerably by a charge that, through a layer of clay in the rocky formation, entirely missed its intended direction, and hurled missiles for over 100ft. One resident, Mr. T. Brent, had his residence injured to such an extent that he laid his case before the council on Tuesday evening, explaining that a large stone had come clean through the roof of a bathroom; another had broken a verandah post, and the fortunate circumstance was that none of the family had been injured. The Mayor explained that he had given orders for the damage to be repaired, which action the council endorsed.

CASUALTIES.

BREWERY SECRETARY SHOOTS HIMSELF.

PERTH (W.A.), Thursday.

William Pike, who for the past 12 years has been an employee of the Swan Brewery, and who has for some time past occupied the position of secretary to the company, attempted to shoot himself shortly after midnight. His demeanour during the past week or two has been such as to prompt those living with him to suspect that he would do injury to himself. He succeeded in evading friends who were watching him, and on a vacant allotment in the centre of the city fired three shots at himself, only one of which took effect. He is likely to recover. It is understood that the injured man is married, and that his wife and four children reside in Victoria. Only a week ago he made an attempt to take his life by taking poison; but prompt medical attendance saved him.

BROTHERS DROWNED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The bodies of Cyril Bennett, aged 8, and Herbert Bennett, aged 10, were recovered from Back Creek, near Knowsley, late last night. During the afternoon the boys left home carrying a tomahawk, it being understood they were going to their grandmother's residence. Owing to their prolonged absence search was made, and the caps worn by the boys were found in the creek. It is surmised that one of the lads, in attempting to cut an overhanging branch, fell into the water, and the second boy went to his assistance. Where the bodies were found there was 5ft of water.

NEWCASTLE.

COAL AND OTHER EXPORTS.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs-house to-day:—Rakanoa, s, for Auckland, with 2950 tons coal; Barrabool, s, for Rockhampton, with 1005 tons coal; Bossuet, bq, for Portland, with 3065 tons coal; Ashridge, s, for Melbourne, with 4900 tons coal; Moeraki, s, for Wellington, via Sydney, with 1500 tons coal, 40 tons coke, and quantity of timber; Monaro, s, for Fremantle, via Sydney and ports, with 1300 tons coal; Karori, s, for Devonport and Strahan, via Kembla, with 1190 tons coal; Period, s, for Melbourne, with 4400 tons coal; Empire, s, for Hongkong, via Sydney and ports, with 1800 tons bunkers and 30 girders; Kilkerran, s, for Singapore, with 6440 tons coal.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Aug. 27.

India, R.M.S., 7911 tons, Captain F. N. Vibert, from London, via ports. Passengers—Rev. G. and Mr. R. Littlemore, Mr. H. Stevens, Captain M'Morland, Mr. and Mrs. M'Donald, Miss Jones, Mr. A. Foy, Dr. W. S. Kidd, Mr. E. G. Collard, Mr. Gaffigan, Rev. Sprott, Mr. Grumling, Mr. J. P. Nightingale, Mr. Henderson, Mr. H. Devills, Mr. Percival, Mr. Thackeray, Mr. H. and Mr. and Mrs. C. Lee Steere, Mr. Delosse, Mrs. Johnston, Miss Gannon, Mr. Walker, Mr. A. Richard, Mr. N. Temperley, Mr. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Brunton, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Scott, Mr. Harding, Mrs. Brooks, Miss Coles, Mr. Young, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Spence, R. Walsh, and a large number of passengers from interstate ports. A. Gordon Wesche, agent.

Nerehana, s, 6553 tons, Captain Lidstone, from Brisbane and Newcastle. Tyser and Co., Ltd., agents.

Marama, R.M.S., 6437 tons, Captain Gibb, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Westralia, s, 2884 tons, Captain Kell, from Hobart. Passengers: Saloon 12, steerage 24. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Prop., Ltd., agents.

Hunter, s, 1840 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Promise, s, 1123 tons, Captain Steen, from Newcastle. W. Crosby and Co., Ltd., agents.

City of Grafton, s, 525 tons, Captain Nelson, from Richmond River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Archer, s, 604 tons, Captain Nilsson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Ellerslie, s, 252 tons, Captain Reuben Lucey, from Macleay River. Allen Taylor and Co., Ltd., agents.

Bellinger, s, 229 tons, Captain Roften, from Camden Haven. Allen Taylor and Co., Ltd., agents.

Rockliily, s, 218 tons, Captain Tozer, from Nambucca River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Mayflower, bqtn., 124 tons, Captain Dernier, from Maryborough. Nelson and Robertson, agents.

Waraneen, s, 107 tons, Captain Molloy, from Port Stephens, via Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Tuncurry, s, 162 tons, Captain O'Bierne, from Cape Hawke. Allen Taylor and Co., Ltd., agents.

Cavanba, s, 573 tons, Captain W. Anderson, from Byron Bay. North Coast S. N. Co., Ltd., agents.

Kyogle, s, 702 tons, Captain Farrell, from Clarence River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Hawk, s, 140 tons, Captain Herron, from Port Stephens, via Newcastle. Newcastle and H.R. S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Peterborough, s, 150 tons, Captain Basclain, from Shoalhaven. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Moeraki, s, 4392 tons, Captain Worrall, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

DEPARTURES.—August 27.

Connecticut, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Kansas, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Louisiana, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Vermont, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Minnesota, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Georgia, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
New Jersey, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Rhode Island, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Virginia, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Ohio, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Missouri, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Illinois, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Kearsarge, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Kentucky, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Nebraska, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Wisconsin, U.S. battleship, for Melbourne.
Glacier, U.S. supply ship, for Melbourne.
Panther, U.S. repair ship, for Melbourne.
Ajax, U.S. collier, for Melbourne.
Gayundah, British gunboat, for Brisbane.
Sultan Van Langkat, s, for Balik Papan, via Newcastle.
Yongala, s, for Melbourne.
Taiyuan, s, for Melbourne.
Suva, s, for Newcastle.

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Nardoo, s, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—August 28.

Carpentaria, s, for South Africa, and London, via ports; Peterborough, s, for Shellharbour; Moruya, s, for Wollongong, Kiama, Ulladulla, Bateman's Bay, Clyde River, Nelligen, and Moruya; Tathra, s, for Bermagui, Tathra, Merimbula, and Eden; Namoi, s, for Newcastle; Tuncurry, s, for Cape Hawk, Krambach and Nabiac; Duroby, s, for Tweed River; City of Grafton, s, for Richmond River; Hawkesbury, s, for Hawkesbury River, Pittwater, and Newport; Woy Woy, s, for Gosford, Wyong, and Brisbane Water.

CLEARANCES.—Aug. 27.

Daniel, bq, 299 tons, Captain Cterctcko, for Auckland, via Newcastle.
Westralia, s, 2884 tons, Captain Kell, for Hobart, via Newcastle.
Yarra, s, 2140 tons, Captain South, for Adelaide (from Catherine Hill Bay).
Yongala, s, 3655 tons, Captain Knight, for Melbourne.
Suva, s, 2229 tons, Captain M'Lellan, for Fiji, via Newcastle.
Carpentaria, s, 5766 tons, Captain Hutchison, for Durban, Capetown, and London.
Nardoo, s, 2907 tons, Captain Rose, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.
Farley, s, 4387 tons, Captain Satchell, for Coronel, via Newcastle.

ENTERED OUTWARD.—Aug. 27.

Nerehana, s, for Liverpool and London, via Melbourne, Portland, and Adelaide; Tambo, s, for Norfolk Island and New Hebrides, via Lord Howe Island; Westralia, s, for Hobart; India, R.M.S., for London, via ports; Auchenarden, s, for Bombay; Oswestry Grange, s, for New Zealand ports; Jap, bqtn, for Napier, via Grafton.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. India, from London, via ports, arrived at Sydney yesterday morning.

The R.M.S. Orotava, from London bound to Sydney, arrived at Fremantle from Colombo at 5.15 p.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Ormuz, from Sydney, arrived at Brisbane at 7.55 a.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Oruba, from Sydney bound to London, arrived at Adelaide from Melbourne at 7 a.m. yesterday, and sailed again at 2 p.m. for Fremantle.

THE OROTAVA AT FREMANTLE.

FREMANTLE, Thursday.

The Orient Royal Mail Company's R.M.S. Orotava, from London bound to Sydney, via ports, arrived here at 5.15 p.m., and landed 16 saloon passengers and 35 Government and 22 ordinary immigrants. Her passengers for the other States are:—

For Adelaide: Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and 3 children.
For Melbourne: Mesdames Anderson and Drew, Misses Resind, Chisholm, and Falconer, Messrs. Armstrong, Teague, Sewell, and Grainger.
For Sydney: Mesdames Shepherd, Brooks, Button, Gregson and child, Macintyre, and Sandy, Misses Canning, Collins, and Bankin, Col. Hammond, Rev. Knight, Messrs. Shepherd, Brooks, Menkins, Arundell, Bean, Bugler, Phillipowski, and Clarke.
For Brisbane: Mr. Clarke.
For Auckland: Messrs. Stobart and Sargeant.
For Wellington: Mr. Marker.
For Lyttelton: Miss Rhind, Messrs. Stennett and Pike, and Mrs. Stennett.
For Bluff: Captain and Lady Sandys.
For Napier: Mrs. and Miss Champney.
For Wanganui: Mr. and Mrs. Naylor.
There are also in transit 298 third-class passengers.

THE NERA AT MARSEILLES.

A private cable message was received last evening stating that the French mail steamer Nera, of the fleet of Messageries Maritimes, arrived at Marseilles on Saturday last, 22nd inst, from Noumea and Sydney, via ports.

MARORO IN HEAVY WEATHER.

WELLINGTON, N.Z., Thursday.

The schooner Maroro, 38 days out from Newcastle, bound to Wanganui, took shelter in Blind Bay last night, says a message from Nelson. Bad weather was encountered, but no damage was done.

MISHAP TO THE ARAHURA.

WELLINGTON, N.Z., Thursday.

The Union Company's steamer Arahura dropped her starboard propeller in Picton Harbour and came into Wellington with her port propeller.

THE BAR HARBOURS.

The following telegrams were received last night as to the conditions of the bar harbours:—Ballina, 13ft on bar, 14ft on inside channel at high water; Manning Heads, 11ft on bar at high water, beacons on hill in line, 7ft on crossing; Cape Hawke, 8ft on bar at high water; Camden Haven Heads, 7ft 4in on bar at high water; Bellinger Heads, bar 6ft 3in at high water, slight working on bar.

GERMAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

The Altona (United Tyser) left New York July 25, and is due at Fremantle Sept. 9. The Apolda (from Scandinavia) left the Tyne July 15, and is due at Melbourne about Sept. 10. The Augsburg left Singapore July 19, homeward. The Bergedorf left Colombo July 19, homeward. The Berlin arrived at Sydney Aug. 24, and leaves for Brisbane Aug. 28. The Bielefeld left Algoa Bay Aug. 15, and is due at Melbourne Sept. 4. The Elbing left Macassar June 30, homeward. The Forth left Hamburg Aug. 8, and is due at Melbourne Oct. 1. The Goslar left Hamburg Aug. 1, and is due at Fremantle Sept. 21. The Hagen arrived at Sourabaya July 10, homeward. The Harburg left Sydney July 21, homeward. The Itzehoe arrived at Adelaide Aug. 25, homeward. The Linden left Hamburg Aug. 22, and is due at Melbourne Oct. 15. The Magdeburg arrived at Suez July 23, homeward. The Meissen left Hamburg July 25, and is due at Melbourne Sept. 17. The Neumunster arrived at Sourabaya July 18, homeward. The Oberhausen left Adelaide Aug. 12, homeward. The Offenbach left Batavia Aug. 18 for Australia. The Osnabruck left Singapore July 3, homeward. The Ottensen left Fremantle Aug. 5, homeward. The Plauen left Adelaide July 14, homeward. The Reichenbach left Townsville July 29, homeward. The Solingen left Townsville Aug. 25, homeward. The Sonneberg is at Hamburg. The Varzin arrived at Antwerp Aug. 23, homeward. The Worms left Fremantle Aug. 25, and is due at Adelaide Aug. 31.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY'S LINE.

The Taiyuan left Hongkong for Sydney, via Philippine Islands, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, and Queensland ports, on the 3rd inst, and arrived here on Tuesday evening. She continued her voyage for Melbourne yesterday.

The Changsha left Sydney for Hongkong, via usual ports, on the 4th inst, and is due in Hongkong to-morrow.

The Tsinan left Sydney for China and Japan on July 25, arriving in Hongkong on the 19th inst. She is due at Yokohama to-day.

The Chingtu is not at present on the berth.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING.

KARUMBA.—Arr: Aug. 27, Maranoa, s, from Brisbane.

POINT ARCHER.—Passed: Aug. 26, Cintra, s, bound for Calcutta.

CAIRNS (1400m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Arawatta, s, from Brisbane; Scout, sch, from Townsville. Dep: Aug. 27, Kadina, s, for Sydney.

TOWNSVILLE (1370m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Wollowra, s, from Cairns. Dep.: Aug. 27, Adonis, s, for Lucinda Point.

FLAT TOP ISLAND (1125m).—Dep: Aug. 27, Marloo, s, Peregrine, s, both for Townsville.

ROCKHAMPTON (920m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Civility, s, from Iron Island. Dep: Aug. 26, Timaru, s, for Iron Island; Gabo, s, for Sydney.

GLADSTONE (825m).—Dep: Aug. 26, Bingera, s, for Brisbane.

MARYBOROUGH (680m).—Arr: Aug. 26, Queensland, s, from Brisbane. Dep: Aug. 27, Konoowarra, s, for Gladstone; Sylvan, s, for Townsville.

BRISBANE (500m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Ormuz, R.M.S., Wyreema, s, both from Sydney; Wyandra, s, from Cooktown.

TWEED HEADS (374m).—Aug. 27, tugboat off port at 9.40 a.m., standing NNE. Dep: Aug. 27, Mokau, s, at 8.25 a.m., for Sydney (towed out).

BYRON BAY (345m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Orara, s, at 6.10 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Aug. 27, Corra Lynn, s, and Advance, tug, early, for Brisbane.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (331m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Nerong, s, at 6 a.m., from Brisbane. Dep: Aug. 27, Friendship, s, at 6.45 a.m., St. George, s, at 8.15 a.m., Brundah, s, at 8.40 a.m., Macleay, s, at 9 a.m., all for Sydney. Passed: Aug. 27, Polyphemus, s, at 5 p.m., north.

CLARENCE HEADS (296m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Kallatina, s, at 5.40 a.m., from Sydney; Macleay, s, at 3 p.m., from the Richmond. Passed: Aug. 27, Brundah, s, at noon, St. George, s, at 12.10 p.m., both south.

SOUTH SOLITARY ISLAND (250m).—Passed: Aug. 27, Duroby, s, at 3.30 p.m., Durunbah, s, at 4.30 p.m., Noorebar, s, at 5.30 p.m., all south.

BELLINGER (230m).—Arr.: Aug. 27, Our Elsie, s, at 7.45 a.m., from Sydney. Dep.: Aug. 27, Rosedale, s, at 8.45 a.m., for Sydney.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (223m).—Arr.: Aug. 27, Euroka, s, at 8 a.m., from the Manning.

MACLEAY RIVER (209m).—Aug. 27, Myee, s, crossed out at 10 a.m., and anchored in the bay.

SMOKY CAPE (205m).—Passed: Aug. 27, Urilla, s, at 2.20 p.m., Prinz Waldemar, s, at 3 p.m., Allinga, s, at 4.50 p.m., all north; Flora, s, at 11.15 a.m., east, a 3-masted bq, at 3.50 p.m., south.

PORT MACQUARIE (174m).—Arr.: Aug. 27, Hastings, s, at 7 a.m., from Sydney.

TACKING POINT (169m).—Passed: Aug. 27, a 2-masted str with yellow funnel, black top, well aft, at 11 a.m., Barrabool, s, at 11.30 p.m., Ramornie, s, at 4.55 p.m., all north; Colac, s, at 5.30 p.m., all south, s, at 4.5 p.m., Cooma, s, at 11.20 a.m., Rosedale, s, at 4.5 p.m., Cooma, s, at 5.30 p.m., all south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (150m).—Arr.: Aug. 27, Commonwealth, s, at 6.30 a.m., from Sydney.

CROWDY HEADS (147m).—Passed: Aug. 27, a str like Chillagoe, at 8.25 a.m., north.

MANNING HEADS (144m).—Arr.: Aug. 27, Electra, s, at 7 a.m., Narooma, s, at 7.30 a.m., both from Sydney. Dep.: Aug. 27, John Gollan, tug, at 8.10 a.m., for Forster.

CAPE HAWKE (122m).—Arr.: Aug. 27, Phil Forbes, ktch, at 8.50 a.m., Shannon, sch, at 9.50 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS (100m).—Aug. 27, Genoa, s, in bay, at 1.25 p.m. Passed: Aug. 27, a str, like Rakanoa, and Our Jack, s, at 2.30 p.m.

PORT STEPHENS (83m).—Passed: Aug. 27, a cargo str at 10.40 a.m., Cooloon, s, at 4 p.m., both north; Wave, ktch, at 8.30 a.m., one of North Coast strs at 10.45 a.m., Dauntless, s, at 11.5 a.m., Paris, sch, at 12.10 p.m., Hawk, s, at 12.15 p.m., Komura, s, at 2.45 p.m., all south.

NEWCASTLE (62m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Komura, s, from Brisbane; Wyoming, s, Newcastle, s, Cooloon, s, Monaro, s, Sphene, s, Jubilee, s, Murray, s, Lubra, s, Karori, s, Queen Bee, s, Alice, s, St. Kilda, bqtn, all from Sydney; Hawke, s, Stormking, s, both from Port Stephens. Dep: Aug. 27, Kallawatta, s, Marama, s, Paris, sch, Solgren, bq, Murray, s, Queen Bee, s, Lubra, s, Moeraki, s, all for Sydney; Sydenham, bq, for Mollendo; Barrabool, s, Alabama, s, both for Melbourne; Karitane, s, for Tasmania; Promise, s, for Ocean Island; Rakanoa, s, for New Zealand; Cooloon, s, for Coff's Harbour; Handa Isle, bqtn, for Auckland; Kincumber, s, for Manning River.

BARRANJOEY (19½m).—Dep: Aug. 27, Hawkesbury, s, at 5.30 p.m.

WOLLONGONG (44m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Palmerston, s, at 4 a.m., Currajong, s, at 6 a.m., both from Sydney; Lansdowne, ktch, at 8 a.m., from the north; Peterborough, s, at 11 a.m., from the south. Dep: Aug. 27, Ruaka, scow, at 10 a.m., Dunmore, s, at 12.30 p.m., both for the south.

KIAMA (50m).—Dep: Aug. 27, Kiama, s, at 9.45 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: Aug. 27, American Fleet, at 1.10 p.m., south.

JERVIS BAY (87m).—Passed: Aug. 27, American Fleet, at 2.45 p.m., one of auxiliaries of fleet at 3.20 p.m., another at 4.20 p.m., Yongala, s, at 4.5 p.m., all south.

ULLADULLA (108m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Moruya, s, at 8 a.m., from Sydney.

EDEN (210m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Wakatipu, s, at 4 p.m., from Launceston. Dep: Aug. 27, Leeuwin, s, at 3 a.m., for Melbourne; Eden, s, at 7 a.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE (218m).—Passed: Aug. 27, Century, s, and Innamincka, s, at 2 p.m., Durham, s, at 2.40 p.m., all north; Hampstead, s, at 2.40 p.m., south.

GABO (238m).—Passed: Aug. 27, Bombala, s, at 4.40 p.m., north; Leeuwin, s, at 6.45 a.m., Chillagoe, s, at 8 a.m., both west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426m).—Passed inward: Aug. 27, Sydney, s, at 7 a.m., Burrumbeet, s, at 10.25 a.m., Aramac, s, at 3.55 p.m. Passed outward: Aug. 27, Mary Burgess, ktch, at 9.25 a.m. (sheltering), Manawatu, s, at 11.10 a.m.

EDDYSTONE.—Passed: Aug. 27, Maitai, s, at 1.30 p.m., south.

MELBOURNE (576m).—Arr: Aug. 27, H.M.S. Psyche, from Adelaide; Culgoa, U.S.A. supply steamer, from Brisbane; Toroa, s, from Burnie; Togo, s, from Launceston; Oonah, s, from Burnie. Dep: Aug. 27, Kilchattan, s, for Sydney; Commonwealth, s, for London; Uganda, s, for Calcutta; Rotomahana, s, for Launceston; Louisa Craig, bq, for Auckland.

WYNYARD.—Dep: Aug. 27, S.M.H.T., ktch, at 12.30 p.m., for Melbourne.

HOBART (648m).—Dep: Aug. 27, Loongana, s, at 4.45 p.m., for Melbourne.

ADELAIDE (1084m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Oruba, R.M.S., from the eastern States; Connie Craig, bq, from Kaipara; Christian Michelsen, s, from Ocean Island, via Wallaroo. Dep: Aug. 27, Oruba, R.M.S., for London; Itzehoe, s, for Germany; Kanowna, s, for the eastern States; Kooyong, s, for Sydney and Newcastle, via Edithburg; Corio, s, for Newcastle.

PORT PIRIE (1238m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Tarcoola, s, from Newcastle, via Sydney. Dep: Aug. 27, Linda Fell, s, for Sydney.

FREMANTLE (2460m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Grantala, s, at 6.40 a.m., from the eastern States; Orotava, R.M.S., at 5.15 p.m., from London.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1230m).—Arr: Aug. 27, Arahura, s, from Picton. Dep: Aug. 27, Fifeshire, s, for Avonmouth.

BLIND BAY.—Arr: Aug. 27, Maroro, scow, from Newcastle, en route to Wanganui, sheltering.

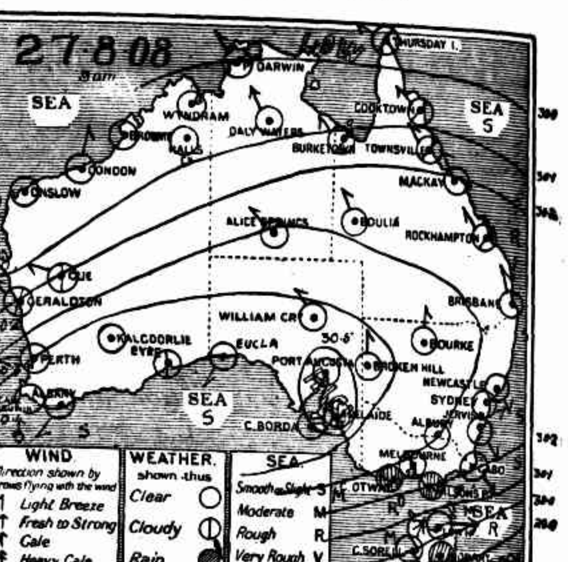
HOBART'S BREAD CHEAPER.

HOBART, Thursday.

Owing to dumping by both Melbourne and Launceston millers at Hobart, mills in the city to-day reduced the price of flour from 10 guineas to £9 for best, and to £8 10s for household. Bread is to be reduced from 7d to 6d per 4lb loaf.

AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

THE "HERALD" MAP.



The anti-cyclone, which covers the whole of Australia, shows a slight retrogressive movement, the centre, which only covers a small area, is between Adelaide and Streaky Bay; while the rear isobars of an Antarctic disturbance, are shown between Tasmania and New Zealand.

Ocean Forecast.—Disturbance over South Tasman Sea will cause rough weather between Hobart and South New Zealand, and fresh to strong and squally westerly winds, with rough seas through the Straits and round Tasmania; quiet seas westward from the Straits to the Leeuwin.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Thursday.

Sydney rainfall, average for 49 years, 48.235 inches.

Average for 50 years from January 1st to July 31st, 3548 points.

Total rainfall from January 1st, 1908, to date, 3889 points.

Total for corresponding period of previous year, 2665 points.

Barometer.—At 9 a.m., 30.202; at 3 p.m., 30.156; at 9 p.m., 30.224.

Temperature.—At 9 a.m., 48.1; at 3 p.m., 62.0; at 9 p.m., 51.0; maximum, 62.0; minimum, 43.

Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 72; at 3 p.m., 47; at 9 p.m., 80.

Wind.—Greatest velocity, 8 miles, from NNW.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Newcastle 1 point, Port Stephens 10.

RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Ten points at Port Stephens, and one at Newcastle.

Victoria.—Light and scattered in southern districts, except in the south-east.

South Australia.—Very light and scattered in the extreme south-east.

Western Australia.—Very light at Nannine and Sandstone.

Queensland.—Light to heavy on the coast between Port Douglas and Bowen.

Tasmania.—Light to moderate in the west.

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Cloudy at a few places in the SW, otherwise fine throughout with many frosts.

CONDITIONS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy at a few places in the south-west, otherwise fine, with many frosts.

Victoria.—Showery along coast chiefly in south-west, and scattered in southern districts, fine but cloudy elsewhere.

South Australia.—Overcast in extreme south-east, fine elsewhere, with severe frosts.

Western Australia.—Cloudy to threatening on the Murchison and northern goldfields, raining lightly at few scattered places, otherwise fine generally.

Queensland.—Generally fine but cloudy along the seaboard north of Townsville, and cloudy towards mid-interior of southern division.

Tasmania.—Cloudy to showery in the south, fine in the north.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 30.08; Geraldton, 30.20; Perth, 30.40; Esperance Bay, 30.49; Eucla, 30.45; Streaky Bay, 30.50; Adelaide, 30.49; Robe, 30.38; Portland, 30.28; Melbourne, 30.20; Wilson's Promontory, 30.20; Gabo Island, 30.18; Cape St. George, 30.25; Newcastle, 30.25; Port Macquarie, 30.26; Clarence Heads, 30.27; Brisbane, 30.27; Rockhampton, 30.24; Mackay, 30.20; Cooktown, 30.07.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers at 9 a.m. on Thursday were as follow:—Albury, 3ft 10in; Balranald, 7ft 11in; Bingara, 1ft; Boggabilla, 2ft, r; Booligal, 8ft 9in, r; Bourke, 8ft, r; Collarenebri, 1ft 6in, f; Condobolin, 1ft 8in, f; Deniliquin, 8ft 8in; Dubbo, 1; Euabalong, 5ft 8in; Euston, 13ft 7in; Goondooga, 1; Gundagai, 4ft; Gunnedah, 1; Hillston, 7ft 6in, f; Kunopia, 1; Louth, 8ft 6in, r; Mandla, 1; Menindie, 3ft; Moama, 17ft 6in; Mogil Mogil, 8ft 11in, f; Moulamein, 3ft 6in; Mungundi, 7ft 8in, f; Narrandera, 9ft 11in; Pooncarie, 3ft 10in; Tilpa, 4ft 10in, r; Tocumwal, 5ft 6in; Wagga Wagga, 4ft 9in; Wentworth, 8ft 6in; Wilcannia, 3ft; Yetman, 1ft; Barwon River, at Walgett, 18ft 6in, f; Namoi River, at Walgett, 10ft 8in, f.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling; l, low.

TEMPERATURES.

Perth (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.), maximum 68, minimum 49; Adelaide, 57, 36; Melbourne, 57, 44; Brisbane, 69, 48; Hobart, 46, 41.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, SSE, squally, fine, sea moderate; Byron Bay, SW, light, fine, sea smooth; Ballina, SE, light, fine, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, calm, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, N, light, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, N, light, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, N, light, fine, sea slight; Wollongong, calm, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, fine, calm, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Ulladulla, S, light, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, SW, light, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Eden, NW, light, fine, sea smooth; Green Cape, NW, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Gabo Island, WSW, strong, squally, cloudy, sea moderate.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Some cloud and a few showers on the south-western slopes, otherwise fine and cool generally, with frosts; westerly to southerly winds.

Western Australia.—Increasing cloudiness over the Murchison, with some partial rain, fine, with scattered clouds elsewhere; easterly to northerly winds.

South Australia.—Fine and frosty, with light winds chiefly east to north, but still cloudy to the south-east, with one or two unimportant showers.

Queensland.—Still cloudy, with seaboard showers chiefly on the tropical coast, but fine generally inland; south-easterly winds.

Victoria.—Cool and cloudy generally, fair inland, but still occasional showers with fresh to strong westerly winds along the coast.

Tasmania.—Still cold and cloudy to showery, more especially over western districts, with fresh, squally, westerly winds.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR AUGUST 28.

Sun, rises 6.20, sets 5.33; Moon, 7.20 a.m., 6.28 p.m.; Mercury, 6.46 a.m., 6.4 p.m.; Venus, 3.41 a.m., 1.3 p.m.; Mars, 6.20 a.m., 5.21 p.m.; Jupiter, 6.2 a.m., 4.54 p.m.; Saturn, 8.7 p.m., 8.11 a.m.

Full Moon, September 10.

High water at Fort Denison, 9.3 a.m., 9.28 p.m.

VICTORIA.

PRINTERS AND NEWSPAPERS BILL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

"We have been considering the draft of the Printers and Newspapers Bill," announced the Premier after a meeting of the State Cabinet, "and we are getting on famously with it." The Premier said that the bill would aim at making writers of all articles containing references to politics and politicians sign their names in full.

The foundation-stone of the administrative block, which is being added to the Town Hall in Swanston-street, was laid this afternoon by the Lord Mayor (Sir Henry Weedon). The new buildings will cost £50,000.

STATE PARLIAMENTS.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

In the Assembly Mr. Blundell moved the Totalisator Extension Bill in order to give a half-crown totalisator to the flat. The debate was adjourned. In committee the Constitution Bill was altered from six Ministers at £1000 to five Ministers, and the measure passed. Mr. Coombe moved the second reading of the Effective Voting Bill. The debate was adjourned. The House rose shortly after 6 p.m. till next day.

Thursday.

In the Assembly to-day the Commissioner of Crown Lands moved the second reading of the Irrigation and Reclaimed Swamp Lands Bill. The measure provides for the extension of the irrigation settlement along the Murray in South Australia. The debate was adjourned, and the House rose till September 8.

BROKEN HILL HOTELS.

PREPARING FOR THE FIGHT.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

A meeting of the committee of the Liquor Defence Association was held this afternoon to make arrangements for the fresh sitting of the special Licensing Court next Thursday. All the hotelkeepers in Broken Hill have been notified by the Government to be in attendance at the court on Thursday. The intentions of the hotelkeepers in the coming legal fight are being kept quiet. The local option party are preparing for a big fight.

A BURNING FATALITY.

Mr. Stephen Murphy returned a verdict of accidental death, at the inquest held yesterday concerning the death of a little girl, aged 5 years, named Mary Ann M'Cauley, which occurred at the Sydney Hospital on Tuesday last, from the effects of burns received at her parents' residence in Best-street, Woolloomooloo, on the previous day.

The evidence showed that the little girl's father left her at home in the care of her 9 year old sister on Monday last. Shortly after her father's departure, the child was playing with some paper near the fire, when it caught alight, and ignited her dress. She cried out, and the child's uncle, Felix M'Ewan, rushed in and extinguished the flames; after the child had been severely burned. She was taken to the Sydney Hospital, where she died the following day.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 8 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.
Eden.—Tathra, 9 a.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Eden.—Eden, 9 a.m.
Ocean Island and Nauru.—Promise, 11 a.m.
Macleay River, Port Macquarie, Byron Bay, and Coff's Harbour.—Cavanba, noon.
Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Moeraki, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Tongariro, noon.
Melbourne.—Cooma, 1 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawk, 1 p.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Timor, Manila (P.I.), Hongkong, and Japan, via Brisbane.—Empire, 2.30 p.m.
Bellinger Heads.—Rosedale, 6 p.m.
Richmond River.—Brundah, 7 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Oonah, 9.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Burrumbeet, 9.30 p.m.

After lying buried for two centuries, a firkin containing 1cwt of butter has been dug up in Fallagherane bog, Co. Tyrone, by a farmer. The hoops and staves of the firkin, which was 12ft underground, collapsed when lifted up, but the butter, of pale yellow colour, is in a perfect state of preservation.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A fair volume of business was effected on 'Change yesterday, prices continuing well maintained. A.J.S. Bank inscribed deposit stock advanced /6, E.S. and A. debentures /1, Perkins' Brewery /6, and Tooth's Brewery /6, other sales being at practically unchanged rates. Buyers raised their limits for Australian Gaslight and City of Sydney 4 per cent. debentures by 10/.

The following sales were reported:—Union Bank, £60/15/; Tooth and Co., 41/; A.J.S. Bank, inscribed, 10/6; North Coast Steam, 25/; Perkins and Co., 37/6; Queensland National deposits, 17/; Sydney Ferries (old), 53/. Afternoon:—Colonial Sugar, £49/5/; Fresh Food, cum dividend, 12/9; Paul and Gray, 20/6; E.S.A. debentures, 18/4; Bellambi Coal, 47/6.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. Per Annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.*
				£	£	£	
STOCK.							
N.S.W. F.S., due 1912	..	..	3	95/10/	95	..	3¼
Do., due 1912	..	..	3½	99¼	99½	..	3½
Do., due 1912	..	..	4	100/15/	100¼	..	3¾
Do., due 1918	..	..	3½	99½	99	..	3½
Do., due 1921	..	..	3½	99/10/	99	99½	3¼
Do., due 1924-5	..	..	3	..	90	..	..
Do., due 1909	..	..	4	100	100	..	4
Do., Act 1878	..	..	4	108	107	110	3½
Do., Deb., 1908	..	..	4	..	100	..	4
Ditto, T. Bills, 1908	..	..	3½	100	99	..	3½
Ditto	..	..	4	100¼	100	..	3½
E.S. Deb., 1912	..	..	4	101	..	101	3¾
Ditto, 1921	..	..	4	101	..	102	3¾
Queensland Deb., 1913	..	..	4	101/10/	..	..	3¾
Ditto, Tr. Bills	..	..	4	101	100¼	..	4
W.A., Insc.	..	..	4	101	100	..	3¾
Ditto, 1908	..	..	3½	..	..	..	..
Australian Gas Deb., 1912	..	..	4	102½	102	..	3½
City Syd. Deb.	..	..	4	103	102	..	3½
Col. Sug. D., 1914	..	..	5	108	107	110	4½
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	14	107	106	..	5¼
City	10	8	3	78/6	..	78/	6¼
Ditto, new	10	8	3	65/	63/	66/	7¼
Com. Sydney	25	12½	10	31/15/	31½	31½	4¼
Commercial of Australia	100/	110/	..	10/	10/	12/6	..
Do., pref.	10	10	3	5/11/	5½	..	3¾
N.S.W.	20	20	10	47	46	46½	4¼
N. Zealand	6⅔	3⅓	10	8/17/6	..	..	3¾
N. Queensland	7	2	4	33/	32/	..	4¾
National of Australasia	5	5	5	96/	95/	..	5¼
Do., pref.	10	10	5	..	11	..	..
Q'land National	5	3	..	22/6	..	..	..
Royal of Q.	9	6½	4½	4/16/6	..	..	6
Union	75	25	14	60/15/	60½	60¾	5¾
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank—Class B.	..	..	2	11/9	11/9	12/	4¾
Class E., 1912	..	..	3	13/9	11/9	13/	..
Class E., 1917	..	..	2	10/3	10/2	..	6¾
Ditto, Insc.	..	..	3½	10/6	10/	10/7½	..
Com. of Aus. Assets	..	..	4	17/6	17/6	..	4¾
E.S. & A. Deb.	..	..	4	18/4	18/3	18/4½	..
Ditto, pref.	..	..	3	12/9	12/8	..	4½
Ditto, def.	..	..	4½	18/10	18/3	18/9	4½
Q. Nat.	..	..	3½	17/	16/9	17/3	..
STEAM.							
Balmain Ferry	1	1	10	28/6	27/	27/6	5¼
Howard Smith	1	1	10	41/6	42/	..	4¾
Ditto	1	5/	10	18/	22/	..	3
Pref.	1	1	5	20/6	20/6	..	4¾
Ditto	1	5/	5	5/	5/	..	5
Illawarra	1	15/	7	21/3	14/	19/	4¾
Newcastle	1	1	6	23/6	24/6	25/6	4½
North Coast	1	17/6	8	25/	24/10½	25/	5½
Ditto, new	7	17/6	8	25/10	..	..	5¾
Port Jackson	1	15/	8	32/	31/	32/	3¾
Syd. Ferries	1	1	10	53/	55/	55/	3¾
Ditto, new	1	10/	10	43/	42/6	43/6	2¾
INSURANCE.							
A. M. Fire	1	15/	14½	48/6	43/	44/	5
Cd. Mut. Fire	1	1	20½	53/9	..	..	7½
Mer. Mut.	1	6	14½	18/3	17/6	18/6	4¾
New Zealand	10	2	15	75/9	..	..	7¼
Queensland	1	10/	8	17/6	17/	18/6	4¾
United	10	2½	12½	5/12/6	5¾	5¾	5¾
COAL.							
Bellambi	1	1	17½	47/6	..	47/6	7½
East Greta	1	1	10	28/9	28/	28/9	7
Hebden Greta	1	1	..	5/	4/9	5/9	..
Metham	5	5	6	66/	60/	65/	9
Metrop., ord.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	8	20/	20/	..	8
Do., pref. 2	1	1	10	15/6	14/9	16/	13
Mt. Kembla	10	10	..	25	24	25½	..
Newcastle	10	10	5	7	6¾	7	7¼
North Bulli	1	1	10	31/	29/6	32/	6¾
South Greta	10/	10/	..	12/9	13/	15/	..
Stockton	1	1	..	5/	..	6/	..
Ditto, new	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
V. of Clwydd	1	1	10	22/6	..	20/	4½
Wallsend	10	10	20/	26/17/6	26½	27	7½
Waratah	6	..	..	..	1/6	..	..
Wickham and Bullock Is.	1	20	..	7/9	6/	7/	..
Ditto, new	1	18/	..	4/6	3/	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	..	24/	21/	..	..
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	21/6	21/	..	5¾
Australian	6	6	15	10/10/	10½	10¾	4¼
Ditto, new	6	3	15	12	12	12½	3¾
Char. Towers	10/	10/	10/	14/9	..	..	6¾
Goulburn	1	1	8	31/	27/	..	5¼
Grafton	1	1	8	31/	31/	..	5¾
Katoomba and Leura	1	1	..	21/	20/	23/	..
Maitland	5	5	7	..	7½	..	5¾
Manly	1	1	9	40/	..	43/	4½
Mudgee	1	1	7	24/	..	..	6¾
Newcastle	2	2	15	6¾	6¾	6¾	4½
North Shore	1	1	8	42/	41/6	42/6	3¾
BREWERIES.							
C. and Wood Bros.	1	1	4	10/6	10/	10/9	7½
Perkins'	15/	15/	20	37/6	37/	38/	8
Toohey's	16/	16/	5	15/	..	14/9	5¼
Tooth's	1	1	10	41/	41/	42/	4¾
MISCEL'NS.							
Armes'	15/	10/	5	3/6	3/	..	14¾
F. Taylor Co.	1	1	10	24/9	24/	26/	8
Aus. Hat Mills	1	1	..	..	23/6	..	..
Aust. News	1	1	..	14/	13/6	14/	..
B. H. W. Sup.	15/	15/	10	21/9	23/	..	6¾
Burns, Philp	1	1	10	42/	41/6	..	4¾
Do., New Issue	1	10/	10	20/9	20/6	..	4¾
Col. Sugar	20	20	10	49/5/	49¼	49½	..
Dalgety and Co.	20	5	7	6¼	..	6¼	5¾
Dunlop Pneu. Tire, pref.	1	1	7	30/	32/	32/6	4¾
Evans B. Rail.	1	1	..	4/10½	..	..	..
Ditto, pref., B	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Evans and Pros. Gravel	1	10/	6½	12/	11/6	13/	..
F. Food, Ice	12	10	10	12/9	12/7½	12/9	8
Goodlet and Smith††	15/	15/	8	16/9	16/6	16/9	7
H. Mackenzie, ord.	1	1	7	22/	..	..	6¾
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	22/	21/	..	9
Hotel Metropole	..	20	6	25/	24/6	25/6	..
Ditto, pref.	1	10/	15/	..	..	..	..
Marcus Clark, ord.	1	1	7/	20/9	20/6	21/	7¼
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	10/3/	9¾	10¼	5¾
Melb. Tram	1	10	..	35/6	38/6	40/	..
Mont de Piete	1	1	10	37/6	37/	38/	5¼
Mort's Dock	1	1	6	20/3	20/6	..	6
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	22/6	..	..	..
Paul and Gray	1	1	17½	20/6	20/	20/6	17½
Perm. Trust	5	2/6	10	5/1	5/4	..	4½
Perp. Trust	10	5/	10	10/6	10/9	11/	4¾
Q'land Meat Ex. and Agy.	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Richardson and Wrench	1	1	5	13/9	13/6	..	7¼
E. Rich and Co.	1	1	5	14/6	..	15/3	6¾
Sir. Trams	1	1	40	88/	88/	90/	9
Syd. Cyclorama	1	1	5	15/6	14/	16/	6¾
Syd. Exch.	10	10	6	11/14/	11¾	12¼	5¾
Syd. Hyd.	1	1	10	31/	..	30/6	6¾
Ditto, con.	1	10/	10	15/6	14/9	15/	6¾
Syd. Hyd. and G. E.	1	15/	15	..	..	28/	5¾
W. H. Soul, Patt., and Co.	1	1	10	46/	45/	47/	4¼
LAND and BD.							
Com. B. and I.	10	9	..	2/6	..	..	..
Ind. Prov.	10	20	6	10/	..	..	6¾
Interc. Inv.	1	15/	12½	27/6	26/	28/	7¼
Perm. B. and L.	..	..	6	..	..	..	..
Syd. Free L.	..	6/7	20	3/	..	..	..

† Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. †† Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. § Call paid. ¶ Ex rights. E. London delivery. M. 6 months.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Sales and quotations:—Carmichael, 20/6, b 19/7½, s 20/4.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Quotations: Trustees, b 6/3; Q. N. Bank, b 19/9, s 21/; Inscribed stock, s 17/2; 4 per cent. Treasury bills, b £101.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Commercial Bank, 11/; Goldsbrough, 42/; Melbourne Tram, 20/4½, 20/3; Barrier Wharf, 29/6, 29/9, 29/8; Howard Smith (20/ paid), 42/6; Iron and Steel, £3; Kauri Timber, 14/, 13/10.

FINANCIAL.

REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS.

At the invitation of the Chamber, representatives of a large number of trade associations met with the council yesterday to take into consideration the matter of the numerous demands made by customers and others upon city wholesale houses in all trades for donations and subscriptions to churches, bazaars, and many other local interests. It was stated during the discussion that many of these demands are so couched as to convey a threat of loss of business in the event of non-compliance. After a lengthy and animated meeting the following resolution was carried unanimously:—

"That in view of the increasing demands from customers and others for subscriptions to various objects, this meeting is of opinion that all applications for Christmas boxes, donations, subscriptions, etc., should be dealt with by trade associations rather than by individual firms, and that the chairman be requested to communicate with the various associations to this effect."

RAPIDLY GROWING SAVINGS.

"Last year was probably the greatest year for the accumulation of savings that Australia has ever experienced. This applies to all classes of the country, and not least to those who steadily patronise the savings banks. For the last decade the following statistics may be given as relating to the savings banks of the State:—

Year. Dec. 31.	Value of Deposits.	Increase in Deposits during year.	Amount deposited. Per depositor.	Per inhabitant.
	£	£	£ s d	£ s d
1897	9,136,792	614,170	40 2 9	7 0 5
1898	9,480,944	344,151	39 2 4	7 3 4
1899	10,069,434	588,490	38 12 1	7 9 10
1900	10,901,382	831,948	38 11 5	7 19 9
1901	11,808,710	907,328	38 11 9	8 11 4
1902	12,425,464	616,754	38 8 10	8 16 6
1903	12,344,623	(—)80,841	37 3 9	8 12 5
1904	12,743,735	399,112	37 10 6	8 14 5
1905	13,498,252	754,517	37 18 11	9 0 5
1906	15,320,532	1,822,280	39 1 7	10 0 2
1907	17,530,157	2,209,625	41 10 11	11 3 2

It can thus be seen that the last year was by far the best in the recent history of the State.

PUTTING DOWN "TWISTING."

It is of interest to note that whereas in Australia there is nothing to prevent a life office from indulging in the reprehensible practice of "twisting" policies to its own sweet will, in many of the States of America stringent preventive measures are being taken to put down the practice. Insurance Commissioner Folk, of Tennessee, declared war some time ago upon "twisters" of insurance policies, announcing his intention to revoke the licenses of companies offending in this way. He has now issued a formal statement to that effect, and it is understood that the prohibition applies to fire as well as life insurance. The company detected will be able to avoid the loss of its license by dismissal of the offending agent. Though as a general principle we believe that the less State interference with the insurance business the better, we do not think that the measures above referred to are by any means over severe or uncalled for.

INCREASING TAXATION.

Direct taxation has increased slightly and indirect taxation very greatly in this State during the past decade. The figures given below are those officially compiled by the Bureau of Statistics. It will be seen that, taking the first and last year of the decade quoted, direct taxes grew from 13/1 to 16/6 per head, or 26 per cent., while direct taxes taxes mounted up from £1/5/5 to £2/8/3 per head, or not far short of 100 per cent. during the same period. Details may be given as follow:—

Year ended 30th June.	Taxation per head. Direct.	Indirect.
	£ s d	£ s d
1898	0 13 1	1 5 5
1899	0 11 10	1 6 2
1900	0 11 3	1 7 8
1901	0 13 5	1 10 6
1902	0 14 3	2 2 7
1903	0 14 0	2 11 3
1904	0 13 8	2 6 10
1905	0 13 7	2 3 2
1906	0 15 9	2 4 10
1907	0 16 6	2 8 3

It is a fortunate thing that the people of the State generally have been fairly prosperous during recent years. Had it not been so they would have felt the burden of taxation much harder to bear. Whereas the net aggregate incomes of those assessed under the income tax in 1904 was only £12,482,094, in 1907 it had increased to £16,410,484. At the same time prosperity will not always prevail, and when bad times come it will go hard with all as it now is with those whose incomes answer to the description of "fixed."

NEW REDHEAD ESTATE AND COAL.

The report of the above company for the six months ended June 30 states that the receipts from the company's railway were slightly better than in the previous half-year. Expenses of management, etc., totalled £2329, while the rents, railway revenue, and other receipts reached £3617, thus enabling the credit balance to be increased from £11,956 to £13,244. The paid-up capital of the company is £15,000, but £61,200 is still owing to vendors on account of purchase money. The estate and railway stands in the books at £71,893, and the company has shares in the Redland Coal-mining Company to the value of £15,858. The shareholders met yesterday under the presidency of Mr. W. L. Docker, when the report was unanimously adopted. Messrs. Docker and Shenstone were re-elected directors, and Messrs. H. Allard and Hutchinson were re-elected auditors.

VOTES FOR COMPANIES.

It is not thought that Lord Avebury's bill for conferring municipal franchise upon mercantile corporations will receive the assent of the Lower House when it reaches that stage. Still, the proposal is an interesting one. As is pointed out, the number of companies is costantly increasing, and, as the rates are steadily going up, it is contended that the time has arrived when the anomaly of payment without representation should cease. In Leeds, is appears, no less than 26 per cent. of the rates are paid by companies which have no votes, in Sheffield 33 per cent., in Birmingham 28 per cent., in Manchester 32 per cent., in Liverpool 32.4 per cent., and in the City of London as much as 50.1. Yet these corporate ratepayers are powerless to exercise any influence over the authority which taxes them. They have no voice in the election of municipal bodies, and rights which are conferred on the most insignificant householder, male or female, are denied them. It is manifestly unfair that this state of things should continue, and it is obviously the duty of companies to agitate strenuously until their grievances are redressed.

Lord Avebury's bill it not, after all, a very sweeping or revolutionary reform. It does not, for instance, bestow powers upon companies which would enable them to outvote the small and independent ratepayer. On the contrary, its proposals are extremely modest—indeed, so much so that it may be doubted whether their enactment would be of any great advantage to the companies in whose interests they are framed. Lord Avebury has adopted the democratic principle of one company one vote. All he proposes to do is to confer a single vote on each company, such vote to be cast by one of the officials of the company, acting on its behalf.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A cable has been received from London to the effect that the British Board of Trade has sanctioned the amalgamation of the Citizens' Life Assurance Company with the Mutual Life Association of Australasia.

Commonwealth gold exports up to date this year totalled the approximate value of £9,376,000, an increase of about £2,481,000 over those for the corresponding portion of last year.

Germany has so far this year taken Australian gold to the value of £3,936,000.

The half-yearly meeting of the New South Wales Fresh Food and Ice Company, Ltd., was held yesterday, under the presidency of Mr. James Moir. The report and balance-sheet, particulars of which we have already given, were adopted.

Carter Paint Company, Ltd., has been formed, with a capital of £6000, in £1 shares, to carry on business as oil and colour importers and manufacturers of chemical preparations, etc. The registered office of the company will be in Sydney, and the first directors will be Messrs. F. Tapson, A. M. Carter, and E. L. Johnson.

Local wool sales will be resumed next week, when some new season's clips will be offered.

The future of the local money market is largely involved in how the wool clip and harvest turns out in quantity, and at what prices realisation is effected.

A poor return might mean an advance in rates, while a satisfactory disposal would probably admit of rates remaining as they are.

The half-yearly meeting of Toohey's, Ltd., takes place to-day, at 3 p.m., at the Royal Exchange.

COMMERCIAL.

Quite a large business was done in teas yesterday. One reason for the buying was that private cables indicated that present stocks of Ceylons could not be replaced except at an advance. The market will be tested at auction on Tuesday afternoon. Wholesale merchants were busy sending out the monthly orders in groceries. A little market business was also reported, fish receiving most attention. Chemicals came in for more than an average amount of business, and some of the prices are of interest. Nothing transpired in oils except that turpentine was again a shade weaker. A large turnover was reported in metals, particularly in fencing wires. During the week over 100 miles of the locally-manufactured article were sent out. Wires of all kinds were selling to meet trade requirements, but there was no speculative element abroad. Jute goods held their position. Business was reported in woolpacks at full rates, and deals with Calcutta in respect to the new season's cornsacks were in progress of completion. Wheat was a shade easier.

GREAT BRITAIN'S IRON TRADE.

The condition of the iron and steel trades of Great Britain during the first six months of the year was far from satisfactory. The tendency of business throughout the whole period had been towards contraction, and in many departments a serious loss in values took place. "There is in fact (says the 'Ironmonger') only one article in the whole range of the business which has maintained and even increased its value, and that, curiously enough, is the article which used to be looked upon as the basis of all iron-trade prices—viz., Cleveland pig iron. Looking at what may be called the 'world conditions,' it is not yet easy to see a favourable prospect. The German trade is unquestionably in troubled waters, and no help can be expected from that part of Europe during the present year. The English trade may be thankful if it escapes fierce competition from Germany on its own ground. Some Belgian works also are rather hungry for orders, and may send cheap material over here to disorganise our prices. There remains the United States, and recently more favourable reports of general trade have come from that quarter. How much to believe is a difficult point; but, even if we assume these reports to be well-founded, a long time must elapse before an American revival can be of any use to the British iron trade. The extra demand for iron, if it exist, can be met for a long time by putting more of the standing plant into operation. The impulse for a revival of the world's iron trade will not come from Germany, nor will it come from America this year. Is it possible that it might come from South Africa? That great expansion of industry in South Africa which was expected to follow the Boer war is shockingly overdue."

FROZEN MEAT EXPORTS.

Shipments of frozen meat from Sydney during the week ended August 22 amounted to 6725 carcases of mutton, which were distributed as follows:—United Kingdom, 6675, and Philippine Islands 50. Thirty-six pieces of beef were reported to the Philippines.

The exports of frozen meat from Sydney from July 1 to date have been the following:—

	Mutton. Carcases.	Beef. Qts. or pcs.
U.K. and Continent	89,837	60
South Africa	2,601	—
India and Ceylon	800	—
Philippines	3,024	186
Singapore, Java, etc.	549	10
Hongkong	430	—
Japan	904	—
Total	98,145	256

BREADSTUFFS.

The wheat market was irregular yesterday, quotations varying from 4/2 to 4/3 per bushel. A sale of 600 bags was put through at 4/2. Some speculation was talked about on new wheat, the prices mentioned being 3/ and 3/3 per bushel at country stations. A grain firm shipped 200 tons to the East per the Guthrie yesterday.

Flour prices were not reduced, though reductions of 5/ per ton were made at Melbourne and Adelaide during the week. Millers were still asking £9/5/ and £9 for city and country makes respectively.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 233 tons of wheat and 62 tons of flour were manifested to arrive, Wednesday's figures being respectively 251 and 46.

WHEAT LOADINGS AND STACKS.

The railway returns show that in the week ended August 22 the total quantity of wheat despatched from country stations was 26,439 bags, made up as follows:—Southern district, 18,470 bags; Western, 5804, and Northern, 2165. During the same week the stacks of wheat on railway premises amounted to 305,102 bags, being 16,769 bags less than the previous week. The stacks at this time last year totalled 429,157 bags. The stacks on August 22 were distributed as follow:—

Station.	No. of bags.	Station.	No. of bags.
Stockinghingal	9,608	Ganmain	7,278
Temora	28,980	Matong	514
Gidginbung	3,316	Berrigan	16,578
Illabo	2,029	Finley	821
The Rock	7,925	Wellington	6,800
Lockhart	6,789	Geurie	24,583
Henty	15,944	Parkes	12,330
Culcairn	908	Bogan Gate	1,926
Walla Walla	4,015	Trundle	2,391
Burrumbuttock	7,693	Cowra	13,860
Brocklesby	8,600	Grenfell	3,000
Balldale	4,526	Iandra	46,712
Hopefield	1,274	Attunga	154
Corowa	1,000	Manilla	5,043
Germanton	11,956	Darling Island	34,615
Marrar	1,880		
Coolamon	15,483	Total	305,102

The following shows how the stacks grew and how they are diminishing:—

	Bags.		Bags.
December 14	98,475	April 11	542,714
January 4	117,453	April 25	525,761
January 11	203,662	May 9	488,751
January 25	451,466	May 30	454,005
February 8	615,298	June 20	432,380
February 22	689,474	July 18	381,663
March 14	628,161	August 8	342,421
March 28	604,067	August 22	305,102

THE WHEAT OUTLOOK.

The movement of new winter wheat in America had increased considerably when the mail left, and the quality was reported to be quite good. In view, however, of the greatly reduced supplies, visible and invisible, it remains to be seen (writes "Beerbohm" of July 24) whether the home demand for this new wheat may not prevent large exports for some time. The last return of the visible supply by "Bradstreet's" shows a total in the United States of only about 14 million bushels, against 48 millions last year; whilst in Canada the visible supply is about 4,750,000 bushels, against 14,000,000 bushels last year. It is difficult, therefore, to suggest that the American shipments can assume any real importance much before September, when the results of the spring wheat crop will begin to have effect. As far as one can learn from the somewhat contradictory reports received by cable, the spring wheat crop in the United States has not, after all, been very seriously injured, but it will probably not realise the early expectations formed of it. The Canadian spring wheat crop, on the other hand, is spoken of most favourably, and there are visions of a total crop of 120 million bushels in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, or nearly double the crop harvested last year. The early crop estimates in Canada, however, are apt to be very much exaggerated, and it would be well to await the results of threshing before forming a final opinion either in regard to the Canadian or the American crop.

On the other hand, it is tolerably clear that the United Kingdom and Europe generally will have to depend to a much more than usual extent upon American and Canadian supplies during the coming six months, because neither Russia, nor Roumania, nor India can be depended upon for anything approaching their ordinary autumn and winter shipments. In order to realise what the prospective scarcity in these three countries may mean, we need only add that the average shipments from August 1 to December 1 last year were 435,000 quarters; in 1906 they were 570,000 quarters, and in 1905 no less than 770,000 quarters per week. When we remember that the total import requirements of Europe have averaged about 1,100,000 quarters per week during these three seasons, it will be seen how large a proportion was received from these three sources of supply in 1906 and 1905. This year it would not be surprising if their weekly shipments during these five months did not exceed 300,000 quarters. To these may be added 100,000 quarters per week from Argentina and Australia, from August 1 to December 1, thus making a probable total of 400,000 quarters from all countries outside America and Canada.

There is already sufficient evidence to show that the European import requirements during the coming season will aggregate 1,100,000 quarters per week, so that it would appear that America and Canada will be looked to for 700,000 quarters per week. Thus it seems to us that before the next Argentina crop becomes a factor in the market we may see stirring times in the wheat trade; in any case, the outlook is not such as to lend any support to the "bear" theories which one still occasionally hears. The market, however, will be under the domination of America more, perhaps, than it has been for some years past, a fact which renders the outlook the more difficult to forecast.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Tea.—There was more inquiry for teas. Recent shipments cannot, it is said, be replaced, except at an advance. Buyers were evidently realising this. A cable respecting the sales at Colombo on Wednesday stated that all common kinds were a shade better, though irregular, and that better class teas had advanced from ½d to 1d per lb. Supplies were said to have been small. Another private cable reported that common kinds were irregular, and that all medium to fine and finest teas were considerably higher. Local sales were fairly extensive, including 50 packages of Indians at /10, and the following packages of Ceylons:—150 at /7 to /10, 400 at up to /11, 300 at from /7 to 1/0½, and 200 at up to 1/. The market will be tested at auction on Tuesday by Messrs. Alfred Harvey and Co., who will offer 740 packages of Ceylons on behalf of Messrs. Claude Healy and Co.

Groceries.—Twenty-five cases of Morton's herrings in tomato sauce were placed at 6/6. There was some inquiry for fresh herrings at 4/9½. Scroll flats sold to the extent of 50 cases in distributing lots at 10/3. Unicorn salmon was selling at 5/. Nor brand smoked sardines also had attention. Pan Yan sauce was moving at 7/. Gillard's pickles sold at 14/6, and Gosling's whiting at 65/. Holbrook's sauces were being taken at 15/6 (in quarts), 8/3 (in pints), and 6/ (in half-pints). Bird's jellies and custard powders were in demand. Courtenay's sauce was selling steadily at 5/6 for half-pints, 7/6 for pints, and 14/6 for quarters. Bovril, in 1oz and 2oz packets, was distributing at 8/6 and 14/9 respectively.

Chemicals.—Five tons of bicarbonate of soda (in cwts.) sold at £9. Soda ash had sales, including five tons in one line, at £6/12/6, the small sales being at 2/6 extra. Flower of sulphur (three tons) sold at £7/15/. Local quotations for G grade resin were given at £8/15/, 50 cases placed. N grade was worth £12/15/. A few tons of silicate of soda sold at £6/7/6 to £6/10/. Powdered borax was worth £19/10/, tartaric acid /11 to /11½, cream of tartar /8½ to /9 (two tons of 95 per cent. sold at /8½), and citric acid 1/11½. Caustic soda had attention at £12/5/ for Muspratt's, and £13/5/ for Greenbank's (five tons of Muspratt's sold at £12/5/). Swedish carbide was quoted at £15/5/ to £15/10/, and American £15 for parcels.

Oils.—There was not much business in this market. Linseed oil was selling in small lots at 3/4 and 3/5 for B. and S.'s, raw and boiled, and at from /1 to /3 per gallon less for second brands. Other oils were slow to move at unaltered rates. Turpentine could have been picked up at 2/7½ for parcels of Pratt's, and at /1 per gallon less for Pinetree. Business was done in Mersey white lead on the basis of cable quotations. Champion's was worth up to £10/5/ per ton in cwts.

Metals.—German wires, ex the Yorck, now in port were available at 2/6 under spot quotations. 25 tons of 8 and 10 gauges sold, in small parcels, at £8 and £8/10/ per ton. American Iowa barbed wire was worth £15 and £16/2/6 for 12 and 14 gauges. Lysaght's barbed wire had sales for the week covering the following:—20 tons of No. 12 gauge, Iowa pattern, at £14/10/ per ton; 25 tons of No. 14 gauge at £15/17/6; and 10 tons of 12 and 14 gauges (special) at £18 and £19/10/ respectively. Wire nettings were in demand: 15 miles of 42 x 1½ x 17 B (W.U.) sold at £27/10/; 10 miles of 42 x 1½ x 18, A grade, Ryland's-English, at £28/10/; and 12 miles of 36 x 1½ x 17, B grade (W.U.) at £20. The week's sales of locally-manufactured nettings (Lysaght's) comprised the following:—25 miles of 42 x 1½ x 17, A grade, £31 per mile; 27 miles of 42 x 1½ x 17, B grade, £29; 15 miles of 42 x 1½ x 17, A grade, £26/10/; 18 miles of 30 x 1½ x 17, B grade, £25; 20 miles of 42 x 1½ x 18, £23/10/; 12 miles of 36 x 1½ x 18, £20/5/; and 25 miles of 36 x 1½ x 18, £16/10/. Sheet lead, in full rolls, was worth £18/5/. Sheet zinc sold at 32/ per cwt. Axe handles (A in a diamond) were distributing at 8/3; 50 cases in one line sold at 7/9. Pick handles, No. 2, were placed at 9/6, and No. 1 at 11/. Sledge handles, 36in, were worth 7/3. Tinplates had attention, including the sale of 100 boxes of Lydbrook's 20 x 14, at 15/, small lots being quoted at /3 higher.

Jute.—Calcutta was cabled as being a shade easier for the new cornsacks, at 4/6½ and 4/6½ c.i.f. The local quotation was 4/10½ and 4/11 per dozen, being about the equivalent to Calcutta, all charges in. Some business was pending. Old sacks were quoted at 6/8 to 6/9½. Woolpacks were inquired for, 50 bales of 11¼ loose ends selling at 2/3½. Branbags were neglected.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 2913 bales of wool were manifested to arrive. On Wednesday the number was 2353 bales.

The revenue collected at the Customs-house yesterday amounted to £20,970.

CUSTOMS DECISIONS.

Umbrella parts, prevents, 25 per cent. ad valorem.

Vertical boring and turning mills to be admitted as machine tools for metal working, "facing and boring"; machine tools bylaw.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

METALS.

LONDON, Aug. 27, 4.30 a.m.

Yesterday's closing quotations were:—

Copper, spot, 7/6 higher, at b £60/5/, s £60/10/; three months, 12/6 higher, at b £61, s £61/5/.

Tin, spot, 10/ lower, at b £132/5/, s £132/15/; three months, 5/ lower, at b £133, s £133/10/.

LONDON TALLOW MARKET.

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., have received the following cable from their London house, under Wednesday's date:—"Tallow.—Prices are unaltered since our last report, quotations being as follows:—Fair to good mutton, firm at from 33/ to 33/6 per cwt; beef, firm at from 31/6 to 32/ per cwt."

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The wheat markets were extremely dull in all quarters. Flour for export sold from £8/10/ to £8/15/. Bran sold at 1/3¼ for export, and pollard at 1/3¼ for export.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Wheat was irregular and rather weak; but fair business was done at 4/1, partly ex store. Flour was quiet at £8/15/. Bran and pollard sold at 1/4, Melbourne delivery. Algerian oats were dull and rather weak at from 3/ to 3/1½. Maize was dull; small business being done at 4/. Chaff was rather quiet, but really prime was scarce and in fair demand. Prime sold from £7 to £7/2/6, and extra prime £7/5/; medium to good, £6/10/ to £6/17/6. Hay was quiet. Manger hay sold up to £7/10/, and manger sheaves up to £7. Potatoes were steady. Prime Pinkeye and Redsoil sold from £5 to £5/5/; Snowflake, 80/ to 95/; Tasmanian, £5 to £5/15/. Onions have a better feeling. Prime sold at £8, special growth to £8/10/.

About 200 packages of Ceylon tea were sold. 300 boxes of ginger were placed. 500 half-cases of new cleaned Amalia currants were sold to arrive. 15 tons of Calcutta linseed were sold to arrive. Cornsacks sold at 5/ on spot and 4/10 to 4/10½ forward delivery. Branbags were quiet at 4/3 on spot, but a good parcel was sold for late delivery. Fencing wire was in moderate country demand at from £7/12/6 to £7/15/.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

There were very few operations in any of the departments in Sussex-street. Most of the commodities in produce showed a weaker feeling. The high rates which have lately been ruling have forced the retailers to reduce their dealings to a minimum, and, consequently, agents found their stocks accumulating, and were now anxious to sell at lower prices. The Nardoo arrived from Port Pirie with 15,000 bags of chaff, which sold quietly on a £6/15/ to £7 basis. Prime cuts were still difficult to procure. Holders asked £7 for the best. A fall of /2 in maize was noted. Three shipments arrived, bringing 5600 bags. Agents suddenly found their holdings considerably increased, and at once offered to make concessions. Some commenced the day's business by asking a /1 cheaper than yesterday's price, while others, finding the demand slow, were fully contented to make sales as low as 4/3. By midday it was evident that prime dry yellow grain was worth 4/3. White met very little inquiry. The stocks were still light, and a few samples were offering at 4/4. A fair quantity of lucerne came to hand, but the demand was poor. Prime dry green bales met with a reduction to £5, while new green sold as low as £3. Onions were dull. The new shipment sold at 10/ cheaper, while the old consignments were offering at from £7/10/. The recent shipment of Japanese onions was now considerably cleaned up, but although the demand was very poor, agents held out for current rates for the stocks yet left. Potatoes were quiet at current rates. Only the best qualities were receiving attention. Bran and pollard were firm at late rates.

The American Government at Manila is calling for tenders for 800,000lb of potatoes and 120,000lb of onions per month, particulars of which are advertised elsewhere.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Maize.—Prime dry yellow 4/3, prime milling, white 4/4 bus.

Barley.—Cape, 4/7 to 4/8, medium from 4/4 bus.

Peas.—Blue, 5/6; grey, 4/6 bus.

Wheat.—Prime milling, 4/2 to 4/2½ bus.

Chickwheat.—To 4/2 bus.

Oats.—Tasmanian: White, 3/3 to 3/4. Algerian: Milling, to 3/5. New Zealand: 3/3 to 3/4; Gartons, to 3/4 bus.

Bran.—£6; pollard, £6 ton.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Adelaide: Prime £6/15/ to £7, good £6/12/6 to £6/15/. New Zealand: £6/15/ to £6/17/6. Tasmanian: £6/10/ to £6/15/.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Nominal.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: £3/7/6.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime dry green £5, other sorts from £3.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Redskins, £6. Darkskins, £5 to £5/10/.

Onions.—Melbourne: Brown Spanish, £9. Japanese: £10 to £10/10/.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

The operations in the dairy produce section were not carried out to any great extent, as retailers held off until the week-end before buying. There was, if anything, a slightly firmer tone in the butter market. The local demand was large enough to consume the superfine brands at present arriving; while Melbourne was operating temporarily on the second qualities, owing to the approaching visit of the fleet. In addition to this, a few small orders were received from Western Australia. As long as the supplies kept at their present level, agents did not anticipate any further reduction. Bacon continued to sell satisfactorily, and prices were well maintained. The cheese market had a weaker tone, as most of the retailers were hanging off, with the expectation of a further fall. Eggs remained unaltered. With the cheaper classes sales were good. An improvement in the demand was noted by a number of the large bakers operating on the market, which had the effect of steadying the prices. Duck eggs were still somewhat scarce, and prices were firm. Lard was meeting fair sales at firm rates.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Special flavoured brands 120/, choice 112/ to 116/, second and medium grades 106/ to 112/, pastry 94/ to 112/ per cwt.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf /8¼, good /8¼ to /8½, new good /8 to /8¼, prime large /8¼ to /8½; special brands, from /9¼ to /10 per lb.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders /9¼ to /9½; bulk /9; special brands, packets, and small bladders, /9½, bulk /9¼ per lb.

Bacon.—Prime factory, sides /8 to /8½, flitches /8 to /8¼, middles /9¼ to /9½; hams, /10 to /10½; special brands, sides /9½, flitches /8¼, middles /10½; seed hams, double covers, 1/1½; hams, single covers, 1/0½ per lb.

Eggs.—Northern Rivers, /7½ to /8; Southern, /8 to /8½; new-laid Suburban, /9 to /10; duck eggs, new-laid, /10 to 1/ per dozen.

APIARY PRODUCTS.

The supplies of honey on hand were heavy. Only a quiet demand existed. A few agents were still cutting prices. Wax was dull.

Current quotations were:—

Honey.—Western, 60lb tins, choice /3, prime /2¾ to /2¾, inferior and candied, /2 to /2¼.

Beeswax.—Bright, 1/ to 1/3; dark, 1/ to 1/2.

POULTRY.

Stocks of poultry fair, and were moving off slowly. Agents who reduced prices found a ready demand.

Current quotations were:—

River.—Fowls, choice 3/3 to 3/6, good 2/6 to 3/; roosters, choice 4/, good 3/ to 3/6, small up to 2/6; chickens, choice 2/ to 3/, good 1/ to 2/; English ducks, 3/6 to 3/9; Muscovy, 3/6 to 3/9; drakes, 4/; extra choice 5/; geese, choice 7/6; goslings, 5/; turkeys, hens 6 /to 7/; gobblers, prime 9/ to 12/, extra heavy to 16/; guinea-fowls, 4/ to 5/, choice 5/6 pair.

Suburban Fowls.—Young roosters, 4/3 to 5/9; choice, 6/; very small kinds, from 3/9; fat hens, 3/3 to 3/9, choice to 4/3. Ducks: English, 3/9 to 4/6, choice suburban 5/; Muscovy, 3/6 to 4/3; choice suburban 4/9. Drakes: Muscovy, 6/ to 7/3, choice suburban 9/. Turkeys: Hens, 6/ to 6/9, choice 8/6, small from 5/; gobblers, 11/3 to 14/3, choice 15/6, small from 8/. Geese: None to hand. Guinea-fowls: 4/6 to 5/2.

FIREWOOD.

At the auction sales 45 truckloads were offered, and fairly good sales resulted. Prices remained practically at last day's rates.

The following prices were realised:—

Best boxwood, 15/ to 16/6, good 13/ to 14/; bakers' wood, 12/ to 12/6, good 10/6 to 11/6; ironbark, 10/6 to 13/; stringy, 6/3 to 13/.

AUCTION SALES.

A small, dull sale was held at the railway yards on Thursday morning, when 34 truckloads of mixed produce were put up at auction, of which 19 were disposed of. A fairly large number of buyers was present, but competition was very slack, and the various commodities moved off slowly at about current rates. The offerings were made up as follows:—Chaff 2, lucerne chaff 4, lucerne hay 15, derrick straw 1, maize 2, wheat 1, potatoes 3, and Swede turnips 3. Chaff was scarce, but, notwithstanding this fact, sold slowly at late rates. Two truckloads of straw chaff realised 4/, and two consignments of good lucerne chaff were knocked down at 4/4 and 4/6 per cwt respectively. Lucerne hay, as is customary, composed the bulk of the sale, 18 truckloads of this commodity being offered at auction, of which nine were disposed of at prices which remained firm at late rates. Prime large bales were knocked down at from 3/9 to 4/3, good at 3/6, medium at from 3/ to 3/3, and prime Mudgee hay at 5/9 per cwt. A truckload of prime derrick straw realised 2/6 per cwt. Two truckloads of maize and one of wheat were also put under the hammer, but, as bidding in each case failed to reach the reserves, they were all passed in for private dealings. Potatoes met with a fair demand, the whole available supply, which consisted of three truckloads, being disposed of. Good table sorts were worth 4/, and small samples sold at from 2/9 to 2/11 per cwt. Two truckloads of Swede turnips were also knocked down at auction, the prices realised being 2/4 and 2/5 for prime sorts, and 1/9 per cwt for inferior samples.

An asterisk (*) denotes a private sale.

Supplies were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From Bacon and Co., Gunnedah, (8030) 4/, (720) 4/ per cwt.

Lucerne Chaff.—From Long, Wallangarra, (5330) p 4/3, (5892) p 4/5, (323) 4/6, (12665) 4/4; lucerne hay, p 3/ per cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—Ex Wallangarra, (4851) p 3/8, (13192) p 3/8; Sprague, Nemingha, (6604) 4/3, (6209) no bid; Bowd, Mulgrave, (7909) p 3/5, *3/6; Bannockburn, Mount Russell, (5480) p 3/3, (12276) 3/; Duckman, Scone, (2237) 3/; Sweeney, Aberdeen, (2817) 3/; Moore, Muswellbrook, (2000) p 2/6, (330) p 2/8, (13096) p 2/7, (6634) p 2/6; Bereine, Branxton, 13023) 4/; Cox, Mudgee, (4801) 5/9; ex Nemingha, (12176) 3/9; ex Tamworth, (12186) 3/3; Tomkins, Mudgee, (4875) p 4/11 per cwt.

Derrick Straw.—Ex Bowmen, (86) p 2/5, *2/6 per cwt.

Maize.—Ex Wallangarra, (6110) p 4/4½; ex Windsor, (5417) p 4/4½ per bushel.

Wheat.—From Milgrain, Parkes, (11595) p 4/ per bushel.

Potatoes.—From Turner, Crookwell, (7720) 2/11; ex Thrana, (2293) 2/9; Dillon, (7789) 4/ per cwt.

Swede Turnips.—From Angus, Rooty Hill, (1184) no bid; Willet, Penrith, (2472) 1/9; ex Richmond, (8192) 7 bags branded B, 2/4; 10 bags branded J, p 2/5 per cwt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

BATHURST-STREET.

The usual weekly shipment of apples arrived, consisting of about 11,000 boxes. Consignments would be marketed to-day, when good results were expected. The local supplies were light, and as a consequence prices were firm. Seville oranges were not inquired after, and prices were lowered. Passionfruit was still hanging. Only a small amount of business was transacted with bananas as the supplies were yet green.

Current prices were:—

Cocoanuts.—8/6 to 9/ per bag, 1/6 to 2/ per doz.

Loquats.—Choice 3/6 to 4/, small 1/6 to 2/; Mammoth, choice 5/, medium 4/ to 5/ per box.

Apples.—Tasmanian: S.P.M., extra choice 11/, choice 9/ to 10/, medium 8/ to 9/, small 5/ to 6/; N.Y.P., extra choice 11/, choice 8/ to 9/; S.T.P., choice 7/6 to 8/, good 6/ to 7/; C.P.M., 8/ to 10/. Cooking: F.C., 6/ to 6/6; S.P., 5/ to 6/; H.C., 5/ to 6/6.

Bananas.—Fiji: 14/6 to 15/ per case, 3/ to 7/6 per bunch. Queensland: 11/6 to 12/6 per case, 2/6 to 4/6 per bunch.

Lemons.—Choice, coloured 6/ to 7/, medium 4/ to 5/, small 2/6 to 3/ per gin-case.

Oranges.—Local: Extra choice 8/ to 9/, choice 6/ to 7/, medium 3/ to 4/, small 2/ to 3/ per gin-case; windfalls, 1/6 to 2/6. Navel: Choice large 10/, medium 7/ to 8/, small 4/ to 5/ per gin-case; Seville, choice 2/ to 2/6, medium 2/ per gin-case. South Australian: Navel 14/ per bushel-case.

Passionfruit.—Choice coloured 3/6 to 4/, medium 2/ to 2/6, small 1/ to 1/6 per half-case.

Peanuts.—/5½; walnuts, /6½; Barcelonas, /8½; Lychee, /10; almonds, /10 to /10½ per lb.

Mandarins.—Local: Emperors, extra choice 12/, choice 9/ to 10/, medium 5/ to 6/, small 3/ to 4/ per gin-case; windfalls, 1/6 to 2/6; Thorneys, choice 3/ to 4/, medium 2/6 to 3/, small 2/ per half-case.

Pineapples.—Queens, 3/6 to 4/; Ripley Queen, 3/6 to 4/; common, choice 3/ to 4/, medium from 2/6.

Strawberries.—Queensland: Choice 4/6 to 5/, good 3/6 to 4/, small 2/ to 3/ per three-quarter tray.

Tomatoes.—Queensland: Choice coloured 2/6 to 4/6, green 2/6 to 3/6 per quarter-case.

MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Queen Victoria Market to-day fruit sold as follows:—Almonds, /6 to /8 per lb; apples, 5/ to 10/ per case; oranges, 5/ to 10/ ditto; lemons, 6/ to 8/ ditto; melons, preserving, 2/ to 4/6 per dozen; walnuts, /7 to /8 per lb.

PRODUCE ARRIVALS.

The arrivals of maize, oats, chaff, potatoes, and butter by rail and sea for the week ended Tuesday, August 25, together with the totals to date for the year and the corresponding period of the previous year, are appended:—

	Coastal. Bags.	By rail. Bags.	Other States. Bags.
Maize.			
Week's receipts	7,520	1,650	—
Previous week	16,022	1,144	62
Total to date, 1908	228,835	35,992	35,261
Total to date, 1907	239,498	118,334	28,502
Oats.			
Week's receipts	—	117	1,392
Previous week	—	78	10,468
Total, 1908	—	17,854	147,992
Total, 1907	—	57,563	106,852
Chaff.			
Week's receipts	—	13,550	36,051
Previous week	—	12,450	49,866
Total, 1908	—	445,666	628,618
Total, 1907	—	387,544	723,690
Potatoes.			
Week's receipts	—	1,188	10,752
Previous week	—	3,553	19,076
Total, 1908	—	62,261	492,273
Total, 1907	—	49,684	575,276

Butter.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Kegs.	Boxes.
Week's receipts	5,516	1,842	8	25
Previous week	9,002	1,081	11	2,228
Total, 1908	229,194	75,830	243	24,086
Total, 1907	488,963	90,852	924	3,946

Included in the above figures is a small quantity of butter from New Zealand and some chaff from the islands.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of August 31, 418 sheep vans and 119 cattle waggons, and for that of September 3, 392 sheep vans and 79 cattle waggons. Orders booked close cattle waggons up to and including the market of October 29, and up to and including the market of October 29 for sheep.

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co. write:—"Again we regret to advise your reports of trucks available are considerably behind hand, and very misleading, for while your reports say that sheep and cattle trucks are booked up to and including the market of October 29, there have for some days past been no sheep vans available till after the market of November 19, and no cattle trucks till after the market of November 12. You will readily see that such reports in your paper cause some inconvenience, for owners occasionally advise that they learn by the papers that trucks are available at such and such a time, while in reality they are not to be had for some weeks later. We would be obliged if you would see that this column is kept right up to date, and thank you in anticipation of your doing so."

[The figures we publish from day to day are those officially supplied by the railway authorities.—Ed. "S. M. H."]

HOMEBUSH STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S SALES.

SHEEP.

Delay in transit caused the late arrival of some stock trains, consequently some of the sheep could not be offered in the order of sale. Upwards of 55,180 sheep (including lambs) were balloted for sale, from 131 consignors, and the total pennings aggregated 42,103 head. The sheep comprised all descriptions, from odd pens of inferior merino wethers and ewes to a very good representation of prime and extra prime, the bulk being good useful quality. Among the extra prime wethers that sold up to 21/ to 22/ per head were lots from C. B. Crowley, J. King, McMaster Bros., and J. Donoghue. There were odd pens of shorn merino wethers. Crossbreds were well in evidence, ranging from useful quality to prime and heavy. A pen of wethers from G. Hall, Wingen, sold at 24/6 per head. There was a large attendance of buyers, including exporters and the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited; competition was free, but values generally were /6 to /9 per head below last Monday's rulings. Quotations: Prime merino w 17/6 to 19/, extra prime merino w 20/6 to 22/, good merino w and h 13/6 to 15/6, medium merino w and h 8/ to 11/6, prime merino e 13/ to 14/6, extra prime merino e 15/8 to 17/, good merino e 10/6 to 11/6, medium merino e 7/6 to 9/, prime xb w 17/6 to 19/6, odd pens of extra prime to 24/6; good xb w and h 13/6 to 15/, medium xb w and h 10/ to 11/6, prime xb e 16/6 to 18/, a few to 20/; good xb e and h 13/ to 14/6, medium xb e and h 9/6 to 11/, shorn merino w 8/6 to 10/6. Sales:—

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—E. S. Seivers, 219 w 18/11 to 19/1, 181 16/8; A. Baldwin, 74 xbd w 18/9, 125 w 15/10, 65 xbd e 15/, 60 w 14/6, 96 e 13/1; estate G. E. Bradshaw, 140 w 17/9, 90 14/10 to 14/11, 5 e 14/; Western agents, 79 w 18/, J. M'Namara, 85 w 16/11; Grieve Bros., 128 w 16/11, 49 15/; H. C. Kelly, 231 w 16/1, 117 14/6; Carson and Brown, 80 w 15/; A. T. Johnston, 76 w 15/, 127 15/ to 14/, 143 e 13/10; W. H. M'Ilveen, 115 e 14/2, 85 10/4; C. Hamilton, 54 r 15/10, 168 e 14/5 to 15/1; S. Slack-Smith, 181 w 17/, 14 e 14/; C. Constable, 71 w 15/11, 48 e 14/; A. W. Holcombe, 72 h 14/4 to 14/5; J. J. and T. Strickland, 90 e 12/2, 217 10/9 to 11/4; T. Rolls, 85 e 14/3, 102 13/; P. Donoghue, 128 w 14/7, 37 13/; G. R. Perks, 61 e 13/5, 29 9/; J. T. Donoghue, 44 e 15/2, 39 13/6; J. O'Rourke, 43 e 15/; W. agents, 6 xbd e 20/.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—W. Keen, 130 w 13/6 to 14/, 792 15/10 to 15/11, 224 18/5; W. T. Cadell, 287 e 7/1, 48 5/, 64 w 8/; J. Donoghue, 10 w 21/3, 161 18/8, 228 17/4 to 17/8; J. Mooy, 64 w 17/, 186 15/3 to 15/5, 7 e 14/4; trustees late J. S. Vickery, 40 w 19/2 to 19/7, 211 18/9 to 19/1; W. Rowarth, 91 e 13/10.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—M'Gill and Co., Mollie, 174 xbd w 19/7, 186 19/4 to 18/7; W. F. Buchanan, Killarney, 267 w (shorn) 10/6, 264 8/7 to 9/6; J. M'Pherson, Tambar Springs, 91 w 17/6, 105 e 16/9 to 17/, 209 14/5; Northern agents, 236 w (shorn), 9/6; M'Master Bros., Rockgidgiel, 20 w 21/, 339 18/9 to 18/11, 40 19/2 to 19/3, 44 r 19/; H. Campbell, 104 w 17/11, 11 stags 17/, 110 e 15/6, 424 e 18/7 to 13/11.

Malden Bros.—C. B. Crowley, Woolabra, 265 w 21/, 585 18/6 to 19/5; J. O'Donnell, Woolabra, 218 w 18/2 to 18/5, 151 16/3, 52 14/ to 14/1; P. O'Mullane, Burren, 195 w 17/1, 180 16/1, 72 14/7; M. Oakden, Wee Waa, 102 w 14/10, 37 13/7, 97 r 10/; J. Hunt, Merah, 103 w 16/11, 173 13/9, 25 e 12/10; D. Hunt, 57 w 15/7, 18 e 14/7, 90 12/6; G. A. Teys, Merah, 129 w 14/4, 100 12/1, 41 e 13/8; D. G. Teys, 61 w 15/ to 15/4; W. S. Duff, Woolabra, 96 w 15/7, 11 h 16/, 26 r 18/3; P. Mulcahy Woolabra, 54 e 15/ to 15/5, 24 e 12/; Stevenson Bros., Warialda, 320 w 18/3, 170 16/4, 39 14/1, 58 e 12/; W. R. Holcombe, Merah, 12 w 19/, 34 e 16/9, 207 15/8, 76 14/; A. Adams, Merah, 98 e 15/, 69 11/6; J. Gray, Merah, 198 e 16/6, 17 e 13/4, 91 14/, 20 10/7, 17 w 17/; T. Underwood, Merah, 40 e 12/; J. T. Jones, Boggabri, 61 w 16/, 24 e 13/; R. Vincent, Narrabri, 246 w 15/10 to 16/3, 189 14/; M. and A. Bolger, Warren, 424 16/9 to 17/2, 281 14/7, 54 12/10, 34 e 11/, 5 r 14/; S. Meers, Gilgandra, 275 e 14/1 to 14/2, 98 10/4, 153 w 15/8, 328 13/10; E. Richardson, Cathundral, 26 w 18/, 36 e 15/; S. Bowen, Cathundral, 59 e 12/11, 34 10/1; F. Radford, Burren, 110 w 17/11, 85 16/1, 5 r 14/; J. Slack-Smith, Burren, 137 w 16/7, 67 14/6, 5 e 12/, 65 14/2; W. R. Holcombe, Weetawa, 34 w 20/5, 16 17/11, 83 e 16/8, 201 15/5, 73 13/11.

Weaver and Perry.—G. Hall, Wingen, 38 xb w 24/6; S. Hall, Wingen, 8 xb w 21/, 6 xb e 20/; E. J. Eckford, Woolabra, 130 w 18/5, 180 16/1; E. S. Antill, Warren, 79 e 16/6, 104 xb e 16/4, 80 14/3, 54 e 14/5; J. B. Donkin, Wyalong, 202 e 15/1 to 15/3, 20 w 15/11, 126 e 12/9 to 12/11; F. Bowman, Warren, 76 w h 17/5, 66 14/10, 7 10/10; A. E. Eckford, Woolabra, 97 e 14/8, 13 w 13/, 119 e 12/ to 12/4; Sevil and Sons, Willow Tree, 260 e 13/2, 100 12/; F. H. Rutledge, Moree, 65 w 12/3, 590 10/6, 284 9/.

New Zealand L. and M. A. Co., Ltd.—W. H. Manchee, Woolabra, 46 w 13/10, 16 16/7, 13 xbd w 14/8, 28 xbd e 13/8, 17 w 14/3, 39 e 13/; Myrtle Vale Station, Forbes, 93 w 16/7, 106 14/5 to 14/7; Eulong Station, Forbes, 83 w 16/7, 162 15/4; Miss Wright, Trangie, 134 e 11/9, 120 13/7; J. Peacock, Coonamble, 388 w 17/7, 471 16/1, 145 14/4, 33 e 13/5; C. L. Smith, Moree, 100 e 13/, 122 12/5 to 12/7, 47 11/; Cannon Brothers, Parkes, 10 w 17/10, 21 r 16/3.

Abbott and Martineer.—J. Gilligan, Coonamble, 25 w 17/6, 16 14/7, 127 16/; O. J. Hardy, Burrin, 34 w 12/3, 20 13/3, 11 15/7, 5 e 15/7; W. Wilson, Coonamble, 39 w 15/9, 26 e 15/1, 51 11/8, 130 w 13/11.

Wilinkson and Lavender, Ltd.—J. A. Anderson, Woolabra, 125 w 18/ to 18/4, 477 16/1 to 16/6, 178 13/7 to 14/.

J. C. Young and Co.—W. F. Jaques, Bugilbone, 200 w 20/8, 411 18/8, 109 17/2; W. S. Arnold, Breeza, 92 w 19/10, 78 15/; Western agents, 175 w 17/, 424 16/, 295 13/6; L. Skip, Eton, 65 w 18/3, 38 xbd e 15/7, 31 e 15/6; Thalaba Pastoral Company, Eton, 290 w 16/8, 205 15/3; A. W. Everett, Breeza, 108 w 14/4.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—W. R. Holcombe, Merah, 34 w 20/5, 16 17/11, 83 e 16/8, 201 15/5, 74 13/11; G. L. Brown, Gular, 88 w 17/11, 315 15/7; A. Company, Willow Tree, 14 stags 19/, 415 17/, 14 14/; J. Cunningham, Eton, 64 w 17/6, 200 16/ to 16/1, 46 16/, 6 stags 16/; J. Russel, Merah, 25 r 16/; F. Belford, Merah, 97 e 15/2, 284 13/, 57 11/4, 5 stags 13/6, 9 w 13/6; J. Anderson, Woolabra, 54 w 17/, 30 14/10, 146 e 9/11, 236 11/, 14 5/3; W. Bull, Moree, 166 w 16/7, 91 14/2; W. J. and J. Christie, Moree, 141 w 15/, 390 13/5, 40 11/6; Yeomans Bros., Brewarrina, 1604 w 15/ to 15/9, 140 12/6 to 12/6, 256 11/9; G. A. Charters, Boggabri, 176 w 13/3, 81 12/7.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Bonnington Bros., Gular, 383 w 19/10, 415 17/5, 159 15/11; James Mettam, Quirindi, 37 xb w 20/6, 190 w 17/10, 80 15/10; J. R. M'Kenzie and Sons, Merrywinebone, 112 w 19/ to 19/2, 59 17/; P. J. Donohoe, Gular, 153 w 17/10 to 18/1, 87 15/7; J. Leonard, Breeza, 34 w 16/, 86 xb 14/11, 24 e 12/6, 34 12/9; Alex. Ban, Narromine, 189 w 15/9, 82 e 14/5, 47 11/10, 102 w 12/9 to 12/11; A. E. Hardy, Merah, 22 w 16/1, 32 e and w 13/, 18 e 9/5; O. J. Hardy, Burren, 80 e 18/2.

Badgery Brothers.—J. King, Merrywinebone, 85 w 22/, 281 20/ to 20/6, 20 19/, 50 18/3 to 18/5; M. Boland, 11 w 18/, 34 e 15/5; D. Jurd, 41 w 16/1, 98 e 15/, 108 13/6.

LAMBS.

There was a large supply of lambs penned; all descriptions were forward—both crossbred and merino—good, useful qualities predominated, with a very fair representation of extra prime. The selection was well suited to trade requirements. Competition was free throughout, and values were firm at last Monday's level for prime, but medium descriptions were occasionally easier. Quotations:—Prime lambs and suckers 12/6 to 14/, extra prime lambs and suckers 15/ to 16/, good lambs and suckers 9/6 to 11/, medium lambs and suckers 7/ to 8/.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—J. O'Rourke, 23 15/2, 24 12/2; P. Barrett, 38 14/2; C. Baldwin, 57 14/, 28 12/; A. E. W. Holcombe, 96 14/9, 47 13/1; C. Constable, 92 13/8, 67 12/9; S. Slack-Smith, 25 13/6, 20 13/2, 16 10/7; C. Hamilton, 125 13/8, 75 12/11, 18 12/; W. H. M'Ilveen, 232 12/1 to 12/8, 91 11/3, 58 10/11; J. J. and T. Strickland, 14 12/6, 23 10/11 to 11/2; T. Rolls, 72 10/.

Maiden Brothers.—J. Hunt, 36 13/8, 28 13/1; G. A. Teys, 15 11/11; W. S. Duff, 336 14/5, 185 13/4 to 13/6, 110 11/10 to 1.; P. Mulcahy, 218 13/3 to 15/4, 84 14/5, 19 12/10; J. Gray, 34 15/4, 41 13/; T. Underwood, 39 11/11; M. and A. Bolger, 35 11/1; S. Meers, 28 11/8; E. Richardson, 63 15/8, 36 13/5; F. Radford, 30 14/4, 10 11/1; J. Slack-Smith, 86 11/; J. R. Watson, Wee Waa, 289 10/8 to 10/11, 181 9/9; Angus and Sons, 120 8/8 to 9/1.

Warden Harry Graves, Ltd.—S. L. Reid, Moree, 21 11/8, 55 8/10, 34 12/9, 51 8/, 18 10/9 to 11/.

William Inglis and Son.—J. L. Tulloch, 112 11/1, 12 12/, 83 9/3 to 9/5, 23 8/6.

J. C. Young and Co.—Southern agents, 20 9/6, 79 9/.

Weaver and Perry.—E. S. Antill, 54 15/, 21 14/7, 33 13/4, 65 11/, 9 11/6; A. E. Eckford, 11 8/; J. Hall, 20 13/10.

Abbott and Martineer.—F. H. Harvey, Cathundral, 20 14/9, 80 13/6; O. J. Hardy, Burren, 10 12/3, 22 11/5, 77 11/10, 19 11/1, 66 11/.

N.Z.L. and M.A. Company, Ltd.—T. T. Fripp, 82 11/ to 11/2, 164 12/3, 163 11/6 to 11/7; W. H. Manchee, 16 11/4.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—Glennie Bros., 145 12/9, 247 11/3, 104 13/3.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—J. Russell, 68 15/4 to 15/5, 14 15/4, 180 15/2 to 15/4, 175 15/4 to 15/5, 135 15/3 to 15/4, 325 14/5 to 14/9, 14 15/4, 106 13/, 97 13/9; G. A. Charters, 30 10/7.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—A. E. Hardy, 5 14/6, 43 12/5, 87 11/9 to 11/10, 46 11/9, 46 (sh) 11/6; J. R. M'Kenzie and Sons, 36 12/4 to 12/7, 36 (sh) 10/11 to 11/1, 30 10/9; J. Leonard, 36 13/7, 27 12/6.

Badgery Bros.—M. Boland, 48 13/6, 90 12/2, 76 11/4; J. King, 16 13/3, 67 12/3 to 12/9, 10 10/11; J. F. King, 9 13/1.

CATTLE.

Out of 1744 head balloted for sale from 50 consignors, upwards of 1563 head were forward. The consignments included two drafts from Queensland, aggregating 316 head. Those from this State came mainly from the north and north-western districts; but also included occasional lots from the west and south. The yardings comprised all descriptions from young and light steers and heifers to odd extra prime and heavy bullocks and cows. There was a large proportion of medium to good handy weight bullocks and steers, and a sprinkling of prime; also odd yards of yearlings. About 570 cows and heifers were included with the yardings, medium and useful trade sorts predominating, with occasional yards of prime and extra prime. The selection was not nearly up to the average quality of late. There was a full attendance of buyers, and as the supply was not beyond the demand, the market opened at about last Monday's rates, weakening, especially on the lower qualities, as the sales progressed. Quotations:—Yards of prime bullocks £11 to £12/10/, yards of extra prime bullocks £13 to £13/10/, odd extra prime heavy bullocks to £15/5/, yards of prime light bullocks and steers £9 to £10/10/, yards of good bullocks and steers £8/10/ to £7/10/, yards of medium and light steers £4/10/ to £5/10/, yards of prime cows £7/10/ to £8/10/, yards of extra prime cows £9/10/ to £11, odd choice beasts to £11/2/6, yards of good cows and heifers £6 to £6/15/, yards of medium and light cows and heifers £4 to £5. Best light beef 28/ to 30/, and good beef 25/ to 27/ per 100lb.

Weaver and Perry.—G. W. Dight, Gravesend, 6 bullocks to £15/5/, avg £14/13/8, 3 cows at £11/2/6, 83 steers to £10/17/, avg £9/3/4; J. and W. Thompson, Rylestone, 60 bullocks to £12/11/, avg £11/11/8; W. J. Tarlinton, 11 cows at £8/4/; T. Blunt, Muswellbrook, 26 steers to £6/15/, avg £6/4/3.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—Mackay Bros, 17 bullocks and steers to £9/5/, avg £7/9/9, 59 cows to £5/15/, avg £3/7/; Glennie Bros., 25 bullocks and steers to £11, avg £9/1/, 21 cows and heifers to £10, avg £7, 21 yearlings to £6/19/, avg £4/18/6; Wallangra Pastoral Co., 11 steers at £5.

J. C. Young and Co.—J. Swales, Moree, 5 bullocks to £13/10/, avg £12/5; North-western agents, 25 bullocks to £11/15/, avg £9/12/2; J. Cameron, Moree, 16 steers to £7/12/, avg £6/13/6, 14 heifers to £7/19/, avg £6/2/1.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—W. R. Holcombe, Wee Waa, 6 bullocks to £15/2/, averaging £15/1/4, 44 steers to £8/18/, averaging £7/1/2; Cohen and Roydell, Moree, 58 cows to £6/1/, averaging £5/6/1; S. L. Cohen, Moree, 10 steers to £7/13/, averaging £6/7/5; J. Beattie, 11 cows at £8/15/; H. F. Lewis, Queensland (rail Moree), 154 bullocks to £10/10/, averaging £8/10/2; W. L. M. Crossing, Burren, 72 bullocks to £13/1/, averaging £12/13/4; 29 steers to £9/5/, averaging £7/12/2, 4 cows to £10, averaging £9/13/3, 6 heifers at £5/14/; A. Hitchern, Coonamble, 5 steers to £7/7/, avg £5/14/2; G. Hitchen, 10 bullocks at £10/11/, 16 steers to £8/18/, avg £8/4/5; J. M. Major, boat, 38 cows to £4/5/, avg £3/15/5; J. Condon, Currabubula, 10 steers to £11/7/, averaging £8/4/7; W. Woods, Moree, 10 bullocks at £8/5/; Woods Bros., Moree, 9 steers to £7/9/, averaging £7/5/9.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—A. Amos, Moree, 40 bullocks (station-bred) to £11/7/, avg £10/6/1, 11 cows to £8/5/, avg £5/8/7; T. F. and J. Grills, 35 steers to £9/5/, avg £8/13/1; T. Knight, 3 steers to £9/2/, avg £7/18/8, 24 heifers to £8/7/, avg £6/8/11, 13 vealers to £5/13/, avg 5/8/.

Badgery Bros.—Northern agents, 50 bullocks to £11/2/, avg £10/17/5; W. H. Dockham, 19 steers to £8/2/, avg £7/8/, 7 cows to £7/1/, avg £6/13/.

Josh. Leeds and Co.—E. Meehan, 10 cows to £10/1/, avg £8/6/1, 18 vealers to £6/4/, avg £5/10/4.

Abbott and Martineer.—F. Holcombe, Burren, 6 cows to £9/6/, avg £7/14/8.

New Zealand L. and M.A. Company, Ltd.—Tibbereenah Estate, Narrabri, 37 steers to £7/12/, avg £6/17/.

Maiden Bros.—Mrs. L. Thompson, Woodlands, 21 cows and heifers to £8/15/, avg £7.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Estate late R. Hill, Warren, 72 bullocks and steers to £8/14/, avg £7/0/10, 18 cows and heifers to £6/17/, avg £6/1/; Queensland Estates, Ltd. (Q.), Cryon, 161 cows and heifers to £7/7/, avg £6/8/3; Powell Bros., Burren, 6 steers to £8/12, 4 cows and heifers to £7/14/, avg £7/3/6; estate late J. Jurd, Moree, 6 steers to £6/13/, avg £6/9/, 6 cows and heifers to £6/10/, avg £6/3/8; G. Hudson, 13 bullocks at £6/10/.

Wm. Inglis and Son.—J. Daniels, Muswellbrook, 11 bullocks to £10/7/, avg £10/1/11.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—Bogamildi Station, Moree, 10 bullocks £13; Bogamildi Station, Collarendabri, 70 cows to £11, avg £9/15/3; Angledool Station, Collarendabri, 8 bullocks to £13/1/, avg £11/12/6.

A. McIlree and Co.—J. Widdis, 20 bullocks to £11/3/, avg £10/11/6.

STATION PRODUCE SALES.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd.; John Bridge and Co., Ltd.; Dalgety and Co., Ltd.; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.; Hill, Clark, and Co.; New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.; Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.; Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.; Schute, Bell, and Co.; and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—Horse and cow hair ruled firm, and all descriptions of bones, hoofs, and horns were in good request at late rates. Quotations:—Horsehair, to /27½ per lb; cowhair, to /14½; stumps, to /5¾ per lb; common bones, at £3/17/6 per ton; shank bones, best mixed, £4 to £6/12/6; buttocks, to £9/10; knuckles, to £4; hide pieces, best, to £9; sinews, £15 to £20; horns, to 68/ per 100.

Rabbitskins.—The market ruled very irregular for all descriptions, excepting the very choicest winter sorts. Quotations:—Super. lines, /14 to /16½ per lb; first incoming, /11½ to /13½; seconds, /9 to /11; medium and mixed, /6½ to /8½; summer sorts, /5 to /6; milky does, /6½ to /7½; kittens, /4 to /5.

Tallow.—The market was very dull. Medium tallows declined 20/, whilst there was no inquiry for good and prime sorts, and prices are quoted at a nominal decline of 20/. Quotations:—Prime mixed (nominal), £26 to £26/10/; good (nominal), £25 to £25/15/; medium, £24/10/ to £24/15/; inferior, £22 to £23/10/; broken packages, £21 to £22. Four hundred and four casks were offered, and 76 sold.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

ALBION PARK, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Albion Park Rifle Club was held last night. The club has a good credit balance. The following officers were elected:—Captain, Mr. J. A. Raftery; secretary, Mr. H. Hobart; treasurer, Mr. C. O'Keefe.

NYNGAN, Thursday.

The newly-established rifle club was opened yesterday, when a first practice was held. Thirty shooters participated, and some fair scores were registered.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The following were the prizewinners in the fourth match of the present quarter at 500 and 600 yds, seven shots each:—F. Crouch (14), 70; J. M'Leod (3), 66; J. Briley (14), 66; D. Cameron (15), 64; G. Benson (7), 63; J. Carmichael (7), 62; W. Saxby (15), 61.

MILITARY.

MOSS VALE, Thursday.

The Agricultural Society to-day granted the Defence Department the use of the grounds and pavilion for the cadet camp and parade shortly to be held.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Suburban Properties and Shares.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At the Rooms, at 11, Pianos, Piano-players, Furniture, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2, Clothing, Boots, Furniture, etc.

M. GOULSTON and CO.—At 514 Elizabeth-street South, at 11, Contents of Ham and Beef, Confectionery, and Soft Drinks, Business, etc.

H. HAINS.—At 630 George-street, Haymarket, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, Cutlery, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At the Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Jewellery, etc.; at 3.35, Tools.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At the Rooms, at 11, Pianos, Furniture, Mangles, etc.

W. RUSH and CO.—At Zeehan, Old South Head-road, Bondi Junction, at 11, Furniture, etc.

J. R. JONES.—At 228 Palmer-street, at 2.30, Furniture, Mangle, etc.

STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

G. H. MOXHAM and CO.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At their Rooms and Yards, at 1, Sucking Pigs, Pork, etc.; at 2, Eggs, Butter, Bacon, etc.; at 2.30, Poultry.

C. J. TURNER.—At the Rooms, at 1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, etc.; at 1.30, Eggs, Poultry, etc.

ACME EGG COMPANY.—At 73 Engine-street, Haymarket, at 11.30, Eggs, Ham, etc.

MOSSMAN and ELLIS.—At their Saleyards, at 1, Vealers, Porkers, Butter, Cheese, Bacon, Honey, etc.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At St. Marys, at 11.30, Cattle.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11.30, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, and Harness.

MISCELLANEOUS.

D. and W. BAINES.—On the Site, Elizabeth-street, Redfern, at 11, Building Materials; at 3, Nails, Hammers, Saws, Benches, etc.

PINEAPPLE BACON and HAMS.—Quality of highest excellence. Flavour really delicious. Ask your grocer for it. Take no other.—Advt.

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(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

"Suva has its points," said the officer of the watch cheerfully, as the sky emptied itself like a bucket on to the awning above, "—about 40 on an average every day. The other great place is Niagara."

As a matter of fact, we struck Suva in a drought. There had been only three inches of rain in the last month, though there were 60 inches in the three months before that. A couple of years back they had nearly 170 inches of rain in the year. One steamy, grey day there was a strange haze in the air. It was the sort of day when people grow uneasy that something is going to happen, without knowing quite what. At 5 in the afternoon it began to rain, to pour, to welter. The water crept hour by hour up the rain gauges. By 6 the next morning it was running over the brim; 30 inches had fallen, and something more, which could not be measured, because the makers of rain gauges do not calculate water by the yard. Stretches of road moved from their place on the hilltops, and slipped softly down the valley. A white magistrate was bringing his wife and child from one of the islands. He was bringing them in an open boat, because that is the way in which the Government ordains that its officers shall travel the Pacific Ocean in these parts. That evening they ran into a sheer wall of rain, through which Suva Harbour did not appear. The boat was turned, but she grated on the coral, and was swamped. The magistrate and his wife managed to wade ashore. Their child was drowned.

HURRICANE.

There are times in Fiji when the glass falls below 29, and a great wind comes rushing on a sudden into the bay. The sea begins to ruffle, and then to boil. As for the steamers in Suva, where they are tucked safely behind the barb of a sort of fishhook of coral, the great waves cannot reach them. When the hurricane comes they steam slowly up to their anchor chains, head over into the black wind, like fish keeping their place against a stream. But in the small island of Ovalau the harbour of Levuka, the old capital, turns its mouth straight to the sea. There is nearly always a ship there waiting for copra. And every time her crew waste their lives trying to save her. Every time, as the waves grow fiercer, they let go every anchor. By the time it is done it is too late to leave. Every time they trust she will ride it out, and every time she fails. Why do they fool their lives away in a hopeless fight to save a ship whose owners are nothing to them? Why are sailormen sailormen?

It was in the teeth of a gale like this the Calliope steamed out of Samoa. I have only met one man that went through such a storm safely, and he was in a gunboat on the China station. A typhoon caught them one afternoon at anchor in a certain harbour. All that night they steamed slowly into it, just keeping the strain off their anchor chains. The storm was so thick that one could hardly look into it. The gale was such as they had never seen before. The water was hardly in waves, but rather one foaming, boiling, seething surface, scudding and swirling past them, barely visible in the blackness. Once or twice in the night a junk was swept by, and a French ship nearly sat on their stem. When the grey of morning came there were ships smashed on the beach about them, and not a junk had lived through it.

One did not hear of any Government boats being caught out in such weather. But there have been close shaves. The Chief of Police told me how he had been sailing—in one of the open boats provided for its officials by the Government—to another island, when the glass dropped and the wind came on. The boat began to lap up the wave tops green. One of the Fijians was kept hard at work with a bucket, and the water did not gain. But there is a limit to Fijian pluck, and things became so bad that the man threw down his bailer and lay on the bottom. He said he could not bail any longer. There was nothing for it but to unship the tiller and threaten to brain him if he did not get up. Luckily he did, and before the real hurricane came along the boat was in.

SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON.

So the rain is not always as welcome in Fiji as in Australia. But, taken along with a few other things, it has made life very simple for the Fijian. He has only had to open his mouth and shut his eyes and see what nature gave him. A few million years ago, more or less, some giant force was playing with the world, and the world would not stand it; but developed in weak parts various semi-circular cracks—like a broken tennis ball. Through one of these, in the Pacific Ocean floor, not so very far from the northern toe of New Zealand, there oozed up, at one time or another, the hot contents of the earth, making 200 islands, big and small, and very exceedingly rich. The 180th meridan, exactly the opposite side of the world to Greenwich Observatory, on the Thames, may not have existed just then. But that is precisely where this bunch of islands was. There is one mountain there on which you may stand, if you can find it, with one leg in Wednesday and the other in Thursday; and move back or forwards 24 hours in one step. The biggest of these islands white men used to call Feegee. Now they call it Fiji. Perhaps some day they will call it Viti, which is its proper name.

CREEPERS AND A PITCHFORK.

The sea floor seems to have helped these mountain islands by buckling a little and raising the ocean mud above the surface, where it became a sort of soft slate. In Suva itself there are only a few inches of soil above that soapstone. But those inches are the colour of the cut trunk of a treefern, or black gingerbread, or rich plum cake. And the island, valley and hillside, is covered with such masses of green as seem to have been shovelled on with a pitchfork. Fat succulent grass, rare hothouse shrubs, with red and yellow leaves, orchids, hibiscus, in a dozen colours, lantana—which, if it is a curse, at least blends the most delicate exquisite faint pinks and whites and reds and yellows in all nature's paint-box, lemons, breadfruit, acacias, trees with dark leaves and light leaves, delicate leaves and great coarse rank leaves as fat as your hand and six times the size of it—they cover every square inch of the land. But as though this were not enough the creepers for whom no space is left must pile themselves over the treetops. There you may see them, miles down the valley below you, looking as soft as cotton wool if you choose to jump. Across the valley, over the hills, tier after tier, as flat under the grew shadows as stage scenery or cut cardboard, are the ranges of the island. At your feet, hundreds of yards below, almost tunnelling in and out of the masses of poisonous tropical green and dense rich shade, winds one of the brimming silver rivers in which all that rain water wanders to sea. And what a sea it is, that rich royal wine dark Pacific. Out beyond all it lies, in a wide frame made by the long hill slopes, over the distant lawns of the canefields, over the edge of the forest, an outstanding palmtree fluttering here and there against it like a turkey's tail blown on itself by the wind—a long thin stretch of that most perfect blue which one finds in Lord Leighton's backgrounds. The crowning refinements of beauty you may not notice at first. On a fresh day the wind may bring you a sound like the distant murmur of a train. Far out across that blue runs a thin-shaded line of green and yellow against which the sea ever and anon bares its dazzling white teeth, and that smile comes and goes in a slender white string, as straight as a thread of cotton held lightly, but broken and chasing its broken ends like a salamander in the fire. It is the long Pacific swell breaking over the coral that is building there, building incessantly, year in and year out, up to the level of the surface. However it storms without, it is as calm as the sky within. They say that opposite the river mouths, in the fresh water, coral cannot live. So there is an opening left which leads through to such harbours as Suva.

NOTHING BUT A FIGHTER.

Now what could the Fijian do when he came to a land like that? It would be absurd to work and plant food, because nature did the job so much more artistically. There were no animals to keep unless they had tried to tame the mice or flying foxes or birds, or land crabs, and they are mostly gone. The mice have been eaten off by the white man's rat; which became such a plague that the mangoose was shipped in to eat him. There must have been a mistake somewhere, for the mongoose lives quite happily with rats; and kills off the native birds, and chickens, ducks, and hens instead. When they become too scarce to catch he eats the crabs—little yellow fellows that squat in thousands just like crocuses, on the mud by the sea. They have only one great claw, and if you come by they fold up like pocket kodaks, slip sideways down the mouths of their small mud volcanoes, and wave that one protesting querulous arm dismally up at you.

The natives could not well keep crabs. The only thing left was to fight. So they fought; and for the rest lived like gentlemen, in neat haystacks of houses, all set neatly on a green lawn, with the forest and bread fruit and yams hemming it in—as well found as the Swiss Family Robinson; with the result that the lazy blue smoke, fresher and sweeter than incense, which curls up from these forest patches at nightfall, is not half as lazy as the men that sit round the fire beneath. They grew useless to work; but they did grow useful to fight. It is the way of the human race to turn into a very perfect instrument for doing whatever happens to be the rage with it. We have been turning ourselves for a couple of centuries into the most wonderful engines for inventing flying machines; because flying machines are the rage with us we have a portentous scorn for our benighted ancestors. But we forget that they did not want to fly. They wanted to fight, and the thing that they produced, body and brain, was just as wonderful a machine for fighting as Edison is for flying. It was the feudal aristocracy—the dukes, counts, and barons of Europe.

PRETTY USEFUL AT THAT.

In the same way some few generations, which spoke, thought, dreamed nothing but fighting, and attended strictly to the business, have made of the Zulu the most perfect body of a man that exists. They have done nearly as well for the Maori, the Tongan, and the Fijian. Great shoulders and chest, arms, and legs, not too heavy and not too light, but as perfect as Myron's "Disc-thrower;" no fat bulging thighs, but a waist as neat and hips as slight as an Englishman's; hair combed out till it stands on end like Struwel-Peter's in the nursery rhyme, and bleached with lime to the colour of a doormat; the face of a child and the bearing of an aristocrat—the Fijian is the best argument for Mr. Deakin's compulsory service scheme that one has yet seen. Not even modern clothes can quite disguise his beauty; or rather they could, but he does not wear trousers. He wears a sack coat and a white kilt, and leaves his graceful calves and ankles bare. Some day, when men will do nothing but laugh at our extraordinary leg casings, they will own that the sack suit, in spite of its dreary colours, was made quite an ornament in Fiji.

The Fijian fought his last fight years ago. He had had plenty of it of late. Some way over the horizon from the furthermost of his islands is another fault in the bottom of the sea; another set of mountain tops; another race living on them, more like the Maoris, whose calves are even more beautiful and hair even longer than with the Fijians. Captain Cook anchored there three months, and they made themselves so pleasant that he called them the Friendly Islands. As a matter of fact they had arranged to eat Cook and both his crews, only one of the chiefs made a stupid slip in the arrangements, and it did not come off.

It so happens that the trade winds blow straight from the Friendly Islands to Fiji. And even now, when it blows over hard, it sometimes brings with it a boat or a canoe. A few years since it brought a barque, and piled her on the Fiji coral. That is probably how long ago some war canoe of the Friendly Islanders, better known as Tongans, found out the Fiji mountain tops. They did not let it rest at that. They sailed down, raiding and killing, from time to time—almost wiped the Fijians out of the nearest islands. And as if that was not enough, just 104 years ago a party of convicts escaped there from New South Wales. They became leaders of the natives, because of the power their firearms gave to wipe off old scores against other tribes. They led their tribes rampaging round their islands. Their children or grandchildren are amongst the half-castes to this day. Then came the Wesleyans, and afterwards the Roman Catholics, and lastly the British Government; and these things were changed. Cakabau (who is pronounced Thakambau), the leading chief, finding that most of his kingdom was overrun by the Tongans, gave it to the British in 1874.

There ended the wars, and the Fijian—a cannibal a few years back—has turned into the most sweetly law-abiding of citizens. But a year or two of civilisation cannot wrench war out of his body or his spirit. An order to dig or to cut cane he will only obey as he pleases. But they say that when he enlists in the police he jumps to obedience from the first. Apparently, too, he will still obey the leaders of his own race. One of these was present at a native ceremony in Suva. "Do you see that man?" said an official, one who ought to know. "If he were to get up now and say to these people, 'Crawl out, you dogs; crawl out of here on your stomachs,' they would not think of disobeying."

"WAR IN THE TARANISIVALA."

The Fijian learns the whole of his police drill in a fortnight. But the most extraordinary instance of his power to learn drill is the "meke." Most of us watch a meke under the impression that it is a war dance, and wonder what long-forgotten cannibal ecstasy must be revolving in the back of these wild men's brains as they swing their clubs and make the ground tremble with their tread. But all the time it is only a ballad concert. They are singing of the stying of pigs or the arrival of the mail boat, or the King's Coronation; or even of the barrister who did not persuade the Judge to set them free, though they bought him for £100. It is a topical song and a ballad combined. One man invents the words and the movements too. He goes through both before the people of his district. Within a fortnight they have it more perfectly than any musical ride by the Horse Guards. It has to be perfect, for there are a hundred or two of great wooden hockey sticks or clubs whirling like Catherine wheels in close order, and if anyone's head is out of place it is likely to stop one.

There was no time to compose a special meke for the Powerful, and the one about the Union Company's steamers would not quite fit. Others were chosen, including a part about the Russian-Japanese war—something in this style. "The Russian manuwar (which is Fijian for man-o'-war) came sailing on the sea; the Japanese Admiral called his men on deck. The guns barked, the Russians were no more. . . ." and so on; each sentence hammered out more often than in an anthem. But perhaps the most interesting is that which gives a long and wonderfully accurate account of the Boer war. How the Poa army invaded the kolont, and the ose ("horses," pronounced aw-sey—the Fijian has an immense respect for a horse), and Sikote (Scotch), and Airisi (Irish) were sent to meet them; how Letiamesi ("c" is pronounced "th") was besieged, and some of the soldiers captured and sent off to Kuruka to be judged; until Lota Bula (Lord Buller) came through with the Airisi to carry forward the fight of the Marama (the Lady—the Queen); how Lota Rovate swept past the Moda Riva; how Lota Kijina captured Koronji; how the Tiamani (Germans) did not play fair, but smuggled guns in piano cases till a manuwa came upon them; how the Kolonis sent men, and they were surrounded and asked to surrender, "but they flung surrender to the winds behind them;" how Pateni Poweli was at last reached in Mafekini, and all the world sent up one shout; and Kuruka in Piritoria left his lady behind him, and his men without gold; and jumped on to a train with all the money and went off.

"THE ETMIRAL."

The Fijian has a colossal respect for fighting and fighting men. Whilst the Admiral was sitting watching the meke on the cricket ground, quite unconscious of the awe he was inspiring, this whispered conversation would take place amongst the men squatting a few yards away.

"See that man there, Joseva—the one in the front?" nodding towards the Admiral.

"I see him."

"That man is the Etmiral from the manuwa."

Follows what the papers at the time of the Dreyfus case came to call "sensation"—knee slappings, and the Fijian equivalent for "My!" low appreciative "ohs" as from a crowd watching fireworks. Noddings and pointings, portentously solemn and significant, "The Etmiral; that is then the Etmiral."

"And does he command all that big manuwa?"

"Io! He can tell her to go, and she will go where he says. He can tell her to bark, and she will bark."

More noddings and pointings as Joseva tells the news to the row behind him.

Two days before the ship came in some of the natives were told that the Admiral was two days out.

They were puzzled.

"Out there, over the sea?"

"Yes, out on the sea."

"But how do you know?" they asked.

"He says so. He says he will be here at 2 o'clock on Friday."

"But he is not here to speak."

"He spoke through the air to the manuwa in the harbour (H.M.S. Cambrian). You will see that he will be here at 2 o'clock on Friday."

Just at 2 o'clock on Friday the flagship swung round the reef and anchored. One of the natives came back to the official who had told him.

"I am sorry, sir," he said. "I did not believe you. But just now I saw the big manuwa come in at 2 o'clock." Then, shaking his head and in a low voice "It is a god," he said.

They are an intelligent race; they appreciate all our little wonders. But they always cap them with one question, "Why do you not overcome death?"

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CONSUMPTION.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT REPORT.

A report to the English Local Government Board on "Sanatoria for Consumption and Certain other Aspects of the Tuberculosis Question," by one of its medical inspectors, Dr. Timbrell Bulstrode, and now published as a Government paper, makes available to the public a great deal of information wh'ch cannot fail to be of great interest to all engaged in the crusade against tuberculosis. The preparation of the report was ordered by Mr. Long in 1902, during his presidency of the board, and its author, Dr. Bulstrode, to whom the work was entrusted, has been engaged for five years in a painstaking research, the results of which are now embodied in the volume under review.

The report is divided into four parts, the first of which deals with the nature of the disease, the second with sanatoria for consumptives in England and Wales, the third with the question of notification, and the fourth with the German workman's insurance system and its influence in controlling tuberculosis.

THE NATURE OF TUBERCULOSIS.

In the opening chapter Dr. Bulstrode discusses the nature of tuberculosis, and gives an outline of the changes which medical opinion has undergone in regard to the etiology or causation of the disease. The disease is now definitely attributed to the activity of a specific vegetable parasite, the tubercle bacillus, which gains admission to the human organism in various ways, and sets up pathological changes leading to the formation of tuberculous tissue. Dr. Bulstrode rightly emphasises the importance of another factor as well as the germ, namely, the resistance of the individual attacked, and points out that many persons harbour the bacillus with impunity. Records, including those of Naegeli, are quoted to show that a large proportion of the population is affected with tuberculosis, and that as many as 70 per cent. of all people at death exhibit evidence of pulmonary infection. In many of these individuals the resistance of the tissues has been sufficient to repel the attacks of the bacillus, little inconvenience, if any, has been caused, and to employ a familiar metaphor, the "seed has fallen upon stoney ground." The obvious inference is that in combating the disease one must not only take precautionary measures against the infection, but also keep the body in such a state of fighting efficiency that the attack of the invader is easily repelled.

Dr. Bulstrode discusses fully the theories of Cornet, Behring, Flugge, and others as to the methods in which the bacillus gains entrance to the human body. He gives the evidence on which Cornet bases his belief that infection takes place chiefly by the inhalation of dust infected by dried sputum, discusses the aerial transmission of virulent bacilli by invisible droplets produced by coughing or speaking, and the probabilities of infection by way of the alimentary canal. There is a large body of evidence pointing to infection of the lungs by way of the alimentary tract and thoracic duct, and this quite apart from the much-debated subject of infection by bovine versus human bacilli. In regard to the latter question, Dr. Bultrode quotes the views of the recent Royal Commission on tuberculosis, and concludes that "It would appear not improbable that a material amount of human tuberculosis is attributable to the introduction into the intestinal tract of tubercle of bovine origin." The author does not attempt to give any precise estimate of the proportion of cases having their origin in a bovine source, and we question if with the evidence at his disposal he could have posibly done so. It is perhaps sufficient that his conclusions are in accord with the commission quoted, and that the danger to the public health from bovine sources of tuberculosis is fully recognised. The necessity for continued vigilance regarding the meat and milk supplies of the people by those in charge of our Public Health administration, is such an obvious inference as hardly to require pointing out.

SANATORIA FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

The second part of Dr. Bulstrode's report consists of 300 pages, and is devoted to the sanatorium treatment of pulmonary consumption. In the course of his inquiry Dr. Bulstrode has visited every public sanatorium in England and Wales, investigated with a critical mind the methods of treatment, class of cases admitted, and the immediate and after results of treatment. He brings out many points already well known and accepted by those who have made a study of the sanatorium problem, and this particular portion of Dr. Bulstrode's work will provide much food for reflection by all public and private authorities responsible for the conduct of such institutions. It is true that even now the author does not attempt to draw any final conclusions as to the precise value of sanatorium treatment in England, nor in the present stage of the movement does he think it possible or desirable to do so. There can, however, be no doubt, he thinks, that the immediate result to the individual of sanatorium treatment is in the main decidedly encouraging. As a rule patients respond quickly and satisfactorily to the better food, the rest, the pure air, and the regulated living which are the essential elements of the sanatorium regime. He notes that the best immediate results are secured in the case of patients admitted to sanatorium treatment in the earlier stages of their malady, and that in the case of patients advanced in phthisis improvement of their condition, if it occurs, is commonly far less durable in its nature, notwithstanding a very remarkable temporary amendment not infrequently manifested in such persons. Dr. Bulstrode's report is perhaps even more serviceable in pointing out the limitations of sanatoria, and a note of hesitancy is apparent in regard to the "after results" of treatment. There are many difficulties which must be cleared out of the way before the ultimate results of sanatorium treatment in England can be assessed at their true value. For one thing, Dr. Bulstrode points out that the average duration of illness in the consumptive in pre-sanatorium days would have to be worked out for purposes of comparison with the life-table of the sanatorium patient, and this would be no easy task. Again, attention is drawn to the difficulties of comparing the statistics of various institutions owing to the differences in classification and terms both regarding the condition of patients on admission and discharge. This is a matter that has already been engaging the attention of sanatorium experts in different countries, and we hope that before long some uniform method of tabulating results will be formulated and agreed upon. The "after results" of treatment in various English sanatoria are investigated so far as available statistics permit. Sufficient time, however, has not yet elapsed since the commencement of the sanatorium movement in England to form anything like a final estimate of "after results," and it is still necessary to go to Germany if one wishes to get results which would enable one to form a correct judgment of the economic value of the sanatorium as estimated from an actuarial standpoint. In America some figures on a smaller scale have been collected under the auspices of Trudeau, and it may be said that both the German and American figures are of a distinctly encouraging nature. It may perhaps hurt the susceptibilities of some philanthropists to discuss the question of the treatment of consumptives from a purely economic standpoint. The unfortunate individual stricken with consumption or other grave organic disease is in the main concerned to know what method of treatment will offer him the best chances of recovery, and the question of how it affects the national economics does not perhaps particularly concern him. Judged from his standpoint he will probably be quite satisfied, and we think rightly satisfied, to take the chances which a well-regulated sanatorium will offer him. But in fighting a great national scourge like consumption, against which all the available forces must be mustered, it is a very necessary thing to know the exact value of each and every weapon employed in the combat, and for this reason searching inquiries such as those of Dr. Bulstrode must be heartily welcomed. It is satisfactory to find that in some of the English sanatoria the "after results" have been such as to encourage the responsible authorities to still further increase their accommodation, and to make further treatment available for the consumptive poor on the same lines. In other institutions the results, on the other hand, can only be written down as dismally disappointing. The causes of failure have been investigated. The general results of the inquiry will no doubt go a long way to discount the undue optimism of certain responsible and irresponsible advocates in the early days of the sanatorium movement. It seems clear that to get the best results not only of an immediate but permanent character, the cases for admission to our public sanatoria must be more carefully selected, and wherever possible left in the hands of those having expert knowledge of the treatment.

In the second place the patient should remain in the institution sufficiently long to derive the full benefits of treatment, and, if possible, should be able to undertake a full day's work without fatigue before leaving the sanatorium for his ordinary occupation. In regard to the latter point, it is interesting to note that at Frimley and some other English sanatoria a certain amount of manual labour is prescribed for the patients in the later stages of treatment; in addition to walking exercise, they do ward work, light gardening, carpentering, light and heavy grade pick and shovel work. We are not yet in a position to speak positively of the comparative results of this experiment, which, however, will be watched with great interest. It is obvious that the cases for such treatment will require very careful selection and supervision, and, possibly, a slightly longer residence than has hitherto been deemed necessary. The heavy-grade work is, of course, not applicable to patients of a pyrexial character. Frimley sanatorium, which has been somewhat of a pioneer in this direction, is in a fortunate position, inasmuch as it receives only cases which have already undergone a period of probationary treatment at the Brompton Hospital, in London; under such circumstances we should expect the ultimate results of treatment to be much better than in the average English sanatorium. In many of the latter it is unfortunately too true that even at the present moment a large proportion of the beds is occupied by cases of a quite hopeless character, to the exclusion of early cases who are, meanwhile, drifting into a similarly incurable condition. It is certain that such institutions cannot possibly justify their existence on purely economic grounds. Indeed, it is very easy to interpret the arriere pensee in Dr. Bulstrode's mind that the powder and shot expended in treating advanced cases in the sanatorium could be far better expended in some other direction. In this view, we think, the author is perfectly correct, so far at least as institutions dependent on public funds are concerned, and we trust the opinions quoted will have the effect of encouraging those authorities who have for some years past endeavoured to restrict the use of sanatoria to the more curable group of cases to continue persevering in the same lines. One cannot, however, pass over this phase of the subject without pointing out that very frequently difficulties of an almost insurmountable nature prevent the working man from seeking a residence at the sanatorium in the early stages of the disease, when, as Dr. Bulstrode points out, the most permanent results are likely to be obtained. The principal difficulty, of course, is in regard to the support of the workman's wife and family during his residence in the sanatorium, and he consequently endeavours to continue at work as long as possible rather than abandon his family to circumstances which would compel them either to accept charity or to place themselves in the hands of the poor-law department. At a later date, when the further inroads of the disease have compelled him to desist from work, he finds that the time for cure is past, and that he is no longer a suitable case for sanatorium treatment.

In regard to this and other difficulties, one cannot read Dr. Bulstrode's volume without realising how lamentably we fall behind Germany in our methods of fighting tuberculosis among the working classes. There are now in that country sanatoria having provision for the treatment of 30,000 consumptives each year. Thanks to the beneficent effects of the German workmen's insurance system, inaugurated by Bismarck in 1894, the workmen of that country are now able not only to enjoy the privileges of sanatorium treatment without any loss of social status, but during treatment their dependents are liberally provided for out of an Imperial fund, to which the workman has himself contributed. After his discharge from the institution an endeavour is made to find him work suitable to his condition. The sanatorium system of Germany is part of a widespread campaign against the disease, and the remarkable and continuous fall of the death rate from consumption in Germany since 1887 is, in the opinion of competent authorities, due for the most part to the therapeutic and prophylactic measures of the German workmen's insurance. Until some similar measure is devised in England, and for that part Australia, whereby the dependents of the working man are tended during the residence of the breadwinner in the sanatorium, it is hopeless to expect the worker to fully avail himself of the advantages which such an institution offers. The fourth division of Dr. Bulstrode's report, dealing specially with the German insurance system, may well be recommended to those philanthropists and statesmen who are interested in the general well-being of the nation.

NOTIFICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

The third section of Dr. Bulstrode's report is devoted to a consideration of the notification of pulmonary tuberculosis. Koch has pointed out in a recent lecture that in dealing with any disease of an infectious character it is absolutely necessary in the first place to locate definitely the source of the infection, and he goes on to insist that notification of pulmonary tuberculosis is one of the foremost administrative measures necessary in combating the great white plague of consumption. His views, of course, on the non-communicability of the bovine bacillus to the human subject are well known, and he would consequently advise concentration of administrative effort on the human sources of tuberculosis. Conversely there are others who believe that the sources of infection arising from the flesh and milk of bovine animals are probably more important to the community than those which may arise from the presence of scattered cases of human tuberculosis; and, reading between the lines, we take it that Dr. Bulstrode belongs to the latter school. If we could absolutely eliminate one or other source of infection it would obviously simplify very considerably the administrative machinery necessary in combating the disease. But in the present state of our knowledge we have no hesitation in declaring that the war against consumption must be continued by carrying the attack into both human and bovine camps, and it would appear to us supineness on the part of any health administrator who failed to recognise the necessity of dealing with both sources of infection. In regard to human sources of tuberculosis, it would be a hopeless task to take measures against foci of disease which had not in the first place been definitely located, and hence any comprehensive tactical scheme dealing with consumption would appear to us incomplete unless some method of notification were first adopted. With regard to the question of voluntary versus compulsory notification, we should prefer the latter, although it is true the traditions of the English Local Government Board are somewhat against it. While voluntary notification has been fairly successful in certain towns, it has completely failed in other instances, owing to the ethical stand taken by medical practitioners that they were not in a legal position to disclose matters of professional confidence. It is a matter for congratulation that regarding the compulsory notification of tuberculosis Australia is ahead of the mother country, and for some years this administrative measure has been working smoothly and satisfactorily in the cities of Sydney, Adelaide, and elsewhere. It is true a good deal of discretionary power is left to the physician in actual attendance on the patient as to whether the visits of the health authorities are or are not necessary, and such discretionary powers are right for very obvious reasons. In these days of education and enlightenment there are many persons suffering from consumption who are both able and willing to take all the necessary preventive measures against the spread of infection, and in those cases the public health authorities may safely limit their action to disinfection of the dwelling after death or removal. We think that Dr. Bulstrode has struck the right note when he says that the greatest inducement to notification—greater, even, than any sense of compulsion—is the practical assistance afforded to the afflicted. This is the spirit in which we have reason to know that the Act is being administered in the city of Sydney, and we are glad to observe in the latest report to hand that the medical officer of health, Dr. Armstrong, is able to speak in satisfactory terms of the operation of the bylaws for compulsory notification. He says: "The experience of the city of Sydney in the compulsory notification of phthisis is one of the strongest arguments that could possibly be brought forward in favour of the proposition to make consumption notifiable in all large centres of population throughout New South Wales. It has shown that notification is workable in practice, without friction or hardship, and at very small expense." This report to the Sydney authorities is very much in accord with what Dr. Bulstrode points out, viz.:—That the knowledge gained by notification will enable the heatlh officers to take the necessary measures against infection, to attend to defects of lighting, ventilation, and drainage, to educate the people in hygiene, and not infrequently be the means of discovering fresh cases of the disease while yet in a curable condition. Dr. Bulstrode, in conclusion, points out the need for organisation in the campaign against tuberculosis, and we think most authorities are in complete accord with him on this point. Indeed, similar opinions have already been voiced in Sydney, but the official imprimatur of a medical inspector of the Local Government Board will, we hope, give these opinions such additional weight as to finally translate them into actual practice. How do we stand at the present moment in Sydney and New South Wales in the war against tuberculosis? The meat and milk supplies of the people are already under the control of the Government inspectors, and we may take it that the administrative measures under that head are fairly complete. In regard to measures dealing with human sources of infection we have a number of agencies also doing good work. The very important work of the metropolitan officers of health in following up the work of notification, disinfection, and sanitary improvements may be mentioned in the first place. The large metropolitan hospitals prefer not to treat consumptives in their general wards, although certain emergency cases are admitted and dealt with on hospital lines; in the outdoor dispensaries tuberculosis cases are not only treated but given directions in regard to the prevention of infection. We think there is ample room in Sydney for a special "anti-tuberculous dispensary" similar to those of Calmette in France, and Philip in Edinburgh. An effort was made a few years ago to establish such a dispensary in Sydney, and we hope the project will be revived and that it will be placed under the control of the health authorities. We have the Queen Victoria Homes for Consumptives at Wentworth Falls and Thirlmere, with sanatorium accommodation for 108 beds and capable of dealing with several hundreds of early cases each year. Lastly, we have the Government asylums, such as they are, at Liverpool, Rookwood, and elsewhere, and the promise of a more up-to-date hospital for advanced cases at Waterfall. We are inclined to ask—Is not the time ripe for all these scattered agencies in some way to unite their forces and to deal with the tuberculosis problem on one large comprehensive scale? Dr. Bulstrode suggests that in future the health office in each town might be made to serve as a central bureau wherein all the local anti-tuberculosis organisations might be co-ordinated and focussed to the best end, and we think this suggestion might very seriously be considered by the authorities in the city of Sydney. The consumptive patient would then be directed to the sanatorium, the anti-tuberculosis dispensary, the hospital, as in each individual case seemed best; a record would be kept of his case, and the progress noted from time to time; defective home or working conditions would be followed up; families visited and helped; overlapping of effort would be avoided, and a general scheme evolved for a united and effective campaign against the disease. We offer the suggestion to our New South Wales health authorities, to the directors of our large public charities, and to the representatives of the public, in the hope that a further forward step may be made in the national effort to cope with this disease.

Dr. Bulstrode's volume is altogether worthy of the department under whose auspices the work has been carried out; it is the most comprehensive official publication yet issued in England on a most important phase of the tuberculosis problem, and it must commend itself to all interested in the war against a disease which still constitutes the greatest scourge of our modern civilisation.

WHAT IS A VETERAN?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I think the time has arrived when it is necessary to define what is a veteran (soldier or sailor). Some years ago a "Veteran Association" was established, which had the approval of Major-General Hutton, of which I am president. Veterans, as a rule, are poor men, and were unable to pay even a small subscription of 1s or 6d a month to "keep up the steam," and pay expenses of hiring a room for their meetings. Our custom was to consider a man a veteran who held a war-medal for engagements in the Crimea, India, or New Zealand, say, up to 1870. A sort of tautology is common in saying or calling a man an "old veteran," but of late the "young" veteran has tried to enter the service, and reaped certain minor advantages, and thought it an honour to be associated with their elders. I notice by a paragraph in your issue of 20th instant, that a second association has been suggested, thereby jumping the claim of the old boys. There is no objection to the younger men associating themselves for their own benefit, but we cannot allow them to poach on our preserves, as there is a desire that old indigent men should be assisted by the Government and the public generally when they are in years and unable to work. Say a young man has entered the naval or military service at 20 years (about), and served his country for 40 years, he has a fair claim to a pension, so to fix 1868 or 1870 as the year entitling a man to be termed a veteran would be liberal enough when the Government might dispense their favour; but for a man of 70 to be placed alongside of a man of 40, and receive equal rights seems unreasonable. Why the first veteran association has not rooted itself in New South Wales is for want of funds, which we hoped the public and the Government would not be too parsimonious to supply. Yet I think the veteran cause would not be forwarded if the age were less and date limit greater. It looks like "sponging" on public credulity to make a young man into an old one—oil and water will not mix.

I am, etc., EDWARD GEORGE POWER, Captain Veteran Association.

BURNS V. SQUIRES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Just now that a wave of pugnacious enthusiasm has said to have fairly controlled the wisdom and common sense of most people and lovers of the fistic art, it is just as well to reflect and see if pugilism is in keeping with the professed standards of civilisation we glory and proclaim of living up to.

I am a stanch believer and supporter in true honourable sport, and still more an enthusiast of self-defence, and defence of one's country, and claim consistency in this direction. The conscientious admirers of this manly sport truly claim as finality punishment in return for insult or injury, or among the professional prize-fighting as a money-making concern. Self-defence is manly. Prize-fighting never has and never will improve the people of any nation, either morally or socially, but acts as a detriment to improved methods of civilisation. Contrasting the edifices erected by pugilism as against civilisation, we are forced to admit, after considering the subject, that the education or lesson pugilism and its admirers have taught is most decidedly an influence against the forces of civilisation, and has encroached at various times to such an extent that law was considered necessary for its mastership. Brutal instinctive ideas have long since been relegated to decent rest by the onward march of true-sounding liberty and democracy.

The law on this matter fails to complete its errand of justice. It argues that it is a scientific art of defence, and closes its eyes to the brutality and murder recorded by the history of the "so-called manly sport." After receiving a battering no man is as sound as the man who has lived the life of a good citizen, or who had his wrongs redressed civilly or legally, and it is not only the experience of pugilists but of the medical fraternity that the early demise of this class of citizens is solely due to injuries received through the medium of fighting.

If the rising generation would take more interest in their own health and advancement and that of their country, the lot of Australia would be vastly improved; but too much interest in sport of a most degrading sort will not improve our nationality. It inculcates bad principles and precepts in the minds of the people, wastes time and good money, besides setting a bad example and influencing the minds of the young, whereas an observance of other forms of sport would prove more beneficial both physically and intellectually—more profitable. To be consistent with our laws and civilisation, it is quite time prize-fighting was suppressed.

I am, etc., JAMES WHITE.

THE OLD OAK TREE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I was glad to see by a paragraph in the "Herald" that public attention is being drawn to the historic oak tree in Phillip-street. For some time past Mr. John Nobbs, M.L.A., one of the founders of the Australian Historical Society, has been endeavouring to arouse interest in the preservation of some of the fast disappearing landmarks of early Sydney, and it is gratifying to see that in this direction he is being ably supported by Mr. O'Sullivan. In regard to this particular tree Mr. O'Sullivan asked, "What steps have been taken to preserve the old oak tree in Phillip-street.' The Lord Mayor replied that the tree had been looked after for some time by the parks foreman; that it was a very old tree, and had been attacked by white ants, but with care and attention it might be preserved for some years. This reply gives one an impression that the care this historic tree is receiving is of a somewhat perfunctory character. To the passer-by there is no evidence of care and attention, and one might be pardoned for asking if any efforts have been made to exterminate the white ants which threaten its destruction, and whether anything else could be done?

It is to be hoped that the praiseworthy movement thus initiated to preserve for posterity some memorials connected with our early history, will meet, not only with the sympathy but the practical support of the City Council and the citizens generally.

I am, etc., A. G. FOSTER.

SYDNEY AS A CITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of 22nd inst., Jos. Dolton says it will puzzle Admiral Sperry on looking around to understand why there is no bridge to North Sydney. It may do, but I venture to think that he will find more to puzzle himself about than the absence of a construction at enormous cost to serve, after all, a small section of this community, whose present means of communication with the city are ample and most convenient. What it strikes me the Admiral will do by reason of his profession is to glance at the map of our railway system with a view to observing the probable disposition of troops in the event of Australia being at war.

He will then see that whilst the bulk of our troops is in the south, at the commencement of hostilities an enemy would at once blow up the Hawkesbury bridge, and prevent them from being shifted to the north, which is the most likely point to be attacked. The Admiral will then be puzzled to know why an alternative route to the north which a railway connecting the northern and western systems would furnish has not long since been constructed. That it should be constructed without delay should be a demand by the Australian military authorities, and more than a demand by those connected with pastoral and agricultural interests in this State.

I am, etc., ARTHUR BRAGG, President Cootamundra Pastoral and Agricultural Society.

August 23.

QUEENSLAND.

EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION.

THE SOCIALISTIC ELEMENT.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the Queensland Employers' Federation to-day, Mr. R. W. Thurlow, in the course of an address, regretted that primary industries had been brought under the Wages Board Act, pointing out that in New Zealand the Arbitration Court found it to be impossible to fix any definite hours for farm labourers for daily work. He expressed the astonishment that many of the employers had felt at the attitude adopted by some of the trades unions with reference to this Act, considering the Labour party had for years been advocating the placing of measures of this type on the statute books. It seemed peculiar that some of the unions, which they professed to represent, refused to wait for boards under the Act to be constituted in order to settle differences. He was inclined to think that trades unions had allowed themselves to be captured by the socialistic element in their ranks, and that their attitude towards the Act was not the true feeling of the great body of trade unionists. Referring to the decision of the High Court on the new protection and union label, it was pointed out that in some quarters there was a proposal that the Commonwealth Constitution should be amended, so as to upset the decision. The High Court expressed the hope that the public of Australia would not allow themselves to be gulled by the specious pleas which were being put forward in support of such a proposal.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Early this morning a fire broke out in a house occupied by Patrick Hourigan, in Thompson's Estates, South Brisbane. The house was completely destroyed. An adjoining house of seven rooms, occupied by Mrs. Zeutzsch, was also destroyed. On the other side of Hourigan's a five-roomed residence, occupied by Miss Markey, was partly destroyed.

The King has assented to the Parliamentary Bills Referendum Bill.

The Home Secretary, speaking in regard to the proposed new sewerage scheme for Brisbane, said that nothing had been done in the matter yet, but it was likely that some effort would be made to look into it before next session. The Home Secretary, accompanied by the Under-Secretary, left for the Bay on Saturday and returned on Tuesday. The object was to inspect the buildings of Peel Island formerly used as a quarantine station, to ascertain whether they were suitable for use as an inebriates institution. Nothing definite was decided, further than that Mr. Hawthorn should place the matter before the Cabinet.

NEW ZEALAND.

POPULARISING VOLUNTEER SYSTEM.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The Defence Council, in its annual report, makes numbers of suggestions for popularising the volunteer system, and making it more efficient, including more liberal capitation and daylight parade payments, uniform allowances to officers and rank and file, establishment of a promotion board to deal with all promotions over that of captain, as has been decided by the Government. The present system of volunteer enlistment without pay is to continue. The attention of the council must be devoted to endeavouring to obtain a higher standard of efficiency. To carry this out, more field work is required. The council says it is its intention to revise the regulations governing the earning of capitation and payment for daylight parades. Attention will also be devoted to encouraging ex-volunteers to join the reserve corps, to the affiliation of reserve corps and rifle clubs to existing volunteer units, and the payment of capitation or pay for daylight work to those who actually turn out for field work. The council also strongly urges the establishment of a school for training future officers, civil engineers, and surveyors. The council recommends testing officers every three years, and the elimination of those found unfit. The defence requirements for the year are expected to absorb nearly £215,000. The enrolled strength of the forces is nearly 20,000, compared with over 20,000 for the previous years.

Mr. D. M. Luckie, Assistant Commissioner of the Government Life Insurance Department, has retired on a pension. He is nearly 81 years old.

TASMANIA'S COAL DEPOSITS.

HOBART, Thursday.

A scheme is on foot to develop the East Coast coal deposits. There appears to be two parties in the field; but the extent and nature of the enterprise has not been allowed to transpire. Inquiries have been made as to Seymour's facilities for steamers of large tonnage. Information is being sought as to whether if a jetty 100ft long were constructed vessels up to 5000 tons could load to a draught of 28ft, or whether it would be necessary to build a breakwater to protect the jetty from easterly gales. This latter inquiry is being made on behalf of people in England. It is understood that Parliament is to be approached this session for certain tramway concessions.

OUR CROWDED TRAMCARS.

RIDING ON THE FOOTBOARD.

EX-M.L.A.'S DEATH.

Mr. W. L. Brown concluded an inquest yesterday concerning the death of Alexander Hutchison, 70, a contractor, lately living in Cambridge-street, Stanmore, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital on Monday last from injuries received the same day by being crushed between a cart and a tram-car in Paddington.

The evidence showed that deceased was standing on the footboard of a car travelling down Oxford-st. from Bondi Junction to the railway. When the car reached Jersey-road stopping place a horse attached to a cart was driven across the line in front of the car. The driver of the car sounded his gong, and the driver of the horse swerved the animal round. As he did so an outward-bound car struck the vehicle and jammed it between the two cars. Deceased was crushed between the cart and the staunchion of the car, and was taken to Dr. Smith, who ordered his removal to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he died from the effects of a fractured pelvis and internal injuries shortly after being admitted.

William Quinn, a collector, who hired the vehicle in question, stated that at about 2.15 p.m. on the afternoon of the accident he went into an hotel on the corner of Oxford-street and Jersey-road, and left the cart standing unattended outside. On leaving the hotel he found the cart was missing, and afterwards saw a crowd of people standing round the remains of the broken vehicle in the middle of the road. He never gave anyone permission to take the cart away, and did not know who had done so.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

MARRICKVILLE SEPARATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In reply to the letter of Alderman Langdon, of Petersham, my statement was that the petition for separation was not signed until after the imposition of a higher rate by the Marrickville Council than by the Petersham Council. Alderman Langdon states that it was signed last year; the rate was struck on March 30, 1908. The petition bears date May 25, 1908. This in itself is most misleading to the council. The feeling I had was that the petition was presented on account of some present grievances which the petitioners had with the council; now it appears that the names are those of ratepayers who signed the petition last year, since which time they may, and in some instances, to my own knowledge, have, changed their minds, and have been passed into the council as persons who have a present grievance. This is unfair to the council, the petitioners, the general ratepayers, and even to the organisers of the petition. The threat as to what will happen to me at the next election in view of my opposition to the separation movement, may be a serious one, but I have never put expediency before principle.

I am, etc., ARTHUR A. BLACKWOOD, Alderman, North Ward, Marrickville.

Aug. 21.

SYDNEY HARBOUR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Petford Allen, in his letter re the above in Monday's "Herald," evidently wishes to pose as an authority on the above subject, and ridicules the suggestion of Mr. O'Sullivan and others. In my humble opinion the destruction of the Sow and Pigs—nature's breakwater—would brand the colonists as idiots if that work were done. Let Mr. Allen take a trip to Manly some day after a few days of south-easterly, easterly, or north-easterly gales, and he will observe these natural breakwaters quell the roll of the sea, which if not by nature located, would cause a commotion in the harbour water, not by any means desirable. Away with such views, P.A.

The suggestion of making Fort Denison (another natural beacon site for shipping) more picturesque—Mr. O'Sullivan's idea—is good.

I may add, as a colonist of over 69 years, it has been my misfortune to see Sydney Harbour beauty spots completely destroyed. I trust no further acts of vandalism will be permitted to be done.

I am, etc., HERBERT CROFT.

Aug. 25.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The scratchings recorded yesterday in connection with the A.J.C. meeting are as under:—Epsom Handicap and the Metropolitan, Destinist and Mordialloc; Derby, Kirkmaiden, Trafalgar, Distillery, Sunderby, Pyera Mostyn, Loyal Scot, Nushka, Coroniform, Rose Simmer.

Riverina Picnic Race Club's race meeting, to be held on October 28 and 29, has been granted registration by the A.J.C.

Some time ago the governing bodies of racing in the Commonwealth agreed to prevent the duplication of the names of racehorses, but in the meantime the arrangement has been more honoured in its breach than its observance, for the "Turf Register" still bristles with duplications. In the "A" section of the index alone there are over a score names duplicated, besides various instances of triplication, and another effort is about to be made to reduce, if not abolish, the custom. The V.R.C. and W.A.T.C. have been in communication with the A.J.C. on the subject, and the consideration of the matter has been relegated to a conference, at which, it is to be hoped, a more stringent arrangement will be come to than hitherto. It has been suggested that the compiler of the Australian Stud Book might assist in the matter by refusing to insert duplicated names in that book.

Our Ballina correspondent telegraphs that the Broadwater Jockey Club has decided to hold a day's racing on September 12.

Our local correspondent telegraphs that the South Broken Hill Jockey Club has decided to hold a race meeting on October 17, Caulfield Cup day, for which a programme of six events has been arranged, with £155 prize money. The club will also race on New Year's Day and Easter Monday. Further improvements to the course will be made before the next day's racing.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

GRASS TRACKS CLOSED.

Randwick horse-trainers were indignant and disappointed when they arrived to find all the grass tracks closed against them yesterday morning. There was a grass track available on Tuesday, though rain had fallen the previous night, and, as two drying days had intervened, it was confidently expected that there would be one in use yesterday, especially in view of the fact of there being three of the rinks in good order. It is, however, understood among trainers that they will be provided with grass three days a week from now until the A.J.C. meeting, which is but five weeks ahead. In consequence of the recent wet weather many of the best horses are still in backward condition. The success of all great race-meetings depends upon the condition and quality of the racehorses engaged; therefore, it is equally advantageous to the A.J.C., as well as to owners, that the best horses in training should be in forward condition, and, for that reason alone, every opportunity should be given trainers to complete their work. A few trainers paid the extra fee to use the outside of the racecourse to gallop upon, but the great majority worked their horses on the tan or cinder tracks. None of the horses under the care of Tom Payten, who was on a visit to the country, was extended, while Earnshaw and Burton refrained from sending their charges against the watch.

The most distinguished horse for whom the course proper fee was paid was Mooltan, who, with W. M'Lachlan in the saddle, jumped off from the mile post, and, putting on steam from the start, ran two furlongs in 24½s, half a mile in a tick under 51s, and the full mile in 1m 45½s. Mooltan has done a deal of useful work and a few short spurts, but this was the first pipe-opener he has been asked to do since the spring, and the manner in which he executed the task proves that he is an extraordinarily good-winded horse, and one who comes to hand quickly, for, considering the distance he was out from the rails, the gallop was one that is not likely to be beaten until much later on, when the cracks get into galloping condition. Maranui and Ariki also worked on the grass and comfortably got over a mile together in 1m 52s; while Grafnax and Kyeadgerie, who were pulled off at the top turn, also galloped a mile. Antonina worked usefully; while Ale and Lenience ran six furlongs in 1m 22s. Welcome Trist was not out, nor was his new stable-mate, Golden Slipper. The pair are going through a course of physic.

Among Earnshaw's lot Orcus, Poseidon, Azurine, Waipuna, and Parsee did striding work for a mile on the tan, and finished up with half-mile sprints, similar exercise going down to Karanaud, but Monobel was let off with a half-pace canter. Perkee and Woolloomooloo were bowling along for a mile easily in 1m 53s, but old Proceed slipped over a like journey in 1m 48s. Matchmaker finished the last three of four furlongs of a mile and a half at nearly top speed, and Set Free put in a seven furlongs working gallop, as did Oboe; but Skoperra was stretched out for five furlongs at her best pace. Chamade and Maltsterdelle each galloped usefully, and a strong working mile in 1m 55s was credited to The Kite, King Berry, and Sweethome. isos was all out to run six furlongs in 1m 22s, while Pantheon and Fille Fogi each did some half-pacing on the inside sand, where Mundoie was jogging about, and a large number of two-year-olds took their morning exercise.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Australian Jockey Club took place yesterday. The appeal of T. Martin against the decision of the Bowra Jockey Club in the Batallion-Freedom case was dismissed, as was the appeal of A. Cherry against the decision of the Broken Hill Jockey Club in disqualifying himself, W. Burns (jockey), and b m Shellstorm, by Light Artillery from Arcola. Communications were received from the chairman of the Victoria Racing Club and the Western Australian Turf Club regarding the registration of racehorses and the prevention of duplicating names, and it was decided that a conference should be held, at which the matter could be threshed out, and a common system agreed upon. It was decided to construct a road 15ft wide from the gate at High-street, Kensington, towards the red gate near the trainers' shelter-shed.

The disqualification of T. J. Woodgate (jockey) was altered to suspension for the unexpired portion (about two months) of his term of two years; and the disqualification of J. Montgomery during the pleasure of the committee was removed. Disqualifications for having taken part in unregistered meetings outside the metropolitan radius were removed from the jockeys James Eddy, Richard Wilks, George Booth, Arthur Mather, and Wm. Kelly; and from E. M. Scot, and the b g Try Me; and R. J. Mitchell and b m Folly.

Jockeys' licenses were granted to M. J. Hayes, Ernest Bellingham, and E. R. Sullivan; and permission to ride in races was granted to W. Ryan and P. J. Foley; while the jockey's license issued to T. Hardiman was cancelled. H. J. Robinson was granted a No. 1 trainer's license, and James Smith's license was transferred from No. 2 to No. 1. No. 2 trainers' licenses were granted to M. Gallagher, George Langham, Thomas Higgins, Daniel Lewis, Wm. H. Day, Hilton Piper and Wm. Stringer.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

For striking J. Chevally, the rider of Wynyard Lad, during the course of the Steeplechase at Moonee Valley yesterday, James Williamson (rider of Blue Gown) was disqualified by the stewards for six months; and for threatening Chevally in the stewards' room he was disqualified for a further term of six months.

Nobel and Ringdove have been scratched for the Williamstown Cup.

The sale of the Hartlands trotting stud took place to-day, when several interstate buyers were present. The champion Almont was passed in at 600gns. Brood mares realised up to 90gns. Mr. F. D. Brown, of Sydney, purchased the yearling filly Miss Reality for 20gns, and the stallion Glen Almont for 35gns. Mr. J. Edwards (New South Wales) paid 35gns for the yearling colt Almont T.

MAITLAND JOCKEY CLUB.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

Following are the entries for the Maitland Jockey Club's races at Rutherford:—

Flying Handicap, 6f.—Lady Fucile, Mervlock, E.K.W., The Climax, Winsome, Wee Willie, Artful, Illampu, Zelle, Rockfall, Nuncio.

Welter Handicap, 6f.—Merrie, Vitula, Little Clare, Mantonia, Fitz-Merv, Antelope, Lady Annetta, Prince Prospee, Fusion, Repentant, Hautline, Xanthippus, Virginian, The Masher, Miracle, Goldengate, Lochnagah, Tola, Maori Girl, High Rock.

September Handicap, 1¼m.—Legation, Australian Sun, The Imp, Kanda, Stimiliquist, Lady Roche, Adios, Wee Willie, Nuncio, Conductor, Attention, Saidy, Zelle, Barrenjoey.

Novice Handicap, 6f.—Similar, True Colours, Electrum, Lady Hayden, Gembrook, Master Steward, Hexham, Fusion, Hautline, Virginian, Burleigh, Merv, Argos, Miracle, Iseult, Assegai, Simaruba, Kepler.

Final Handicap, 7f.—Lady Fucile, Ismailia, The Imp, Vim, Mantonia, Bimlyjar, Fusion, Wee Willie, Illampu, Nuncio, Conductor, Attention, Saidy, Barrenjoey.

POLO.

SYDNEY CLUB DEFEAT NORTHERN DISTRICT.

BY FOUR GOALS TO THREE.

AN EXCITING GAME.

The return match between the Sydney Polo Club and the Northern District was played at Kensington Recreation Ground yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a good attendance, the fair sex being again well represented. The match was most exciting, the issue being in doubt until the finish, Sydney a few minutes before the final bell scoring the goal which gave them the victory by 4 goals 11 behinds to 3 goals 7 behinds. The teams were:—

Sydney: J. J. Garvan, back; D. F. Garvan (3), Dr. Morton (2), and Major Sandilands (1).

Northern District: W. Simson, Mullally (back), H. White, Muswellbrook (3), James M'Master (2), and J. Allison, Tamarang (1).

Umpire, Mr. S. Bailey.

Northern District secured possession almost from the throw-in, and were soon in scoring position. M'Master, with a fine shot, drawing first blood. For the remainder of the period Sydney pressed, and were unlucky in not registering at least one goal. They had three shots, but nothing more serious than behinds came therefrom. All the same, the Northern District team put in some fine defence. Allison on a couple of occasions looked like breaking away, and did obtain a behind, but J. J. Garvan was generally safe with his backhander, and Sydney returned to the attack. At the end of the first period the score was—Northern District, 1 goal 1 behind; Sydney, 3 behinds.

The second period opened with a throw-in close to the North's corner. Allison and M'Master brought the ball splendidly down the ground, the first time for a long while that the visitors had reached their opponents' territory, and exciting work ensued, D. F. Garvan being prominent in driving them back, and White and M'Master returned to the charge. The latter put in a long shot, and White finished up with a behind, and another followed shortly afterwards. The two Garvans saved splendidly on a couple of occasions, and Morton, who, perhaps, was never in better form, with a succession of drives from midway, closed with a behind, which happened after the bell had sounded. Northern District, 1 goal 3 behinds; Sydney, 4 behinds.

Northern District, per medium principally of White and M'Master, made a charge upon the home goal. Hittings off from a behind, Sandilands opened the way for Morton, who, amidst much enthusiasm, put in a splendid gallop from one end to the other, and wound up with a goal, brilliantly obtained. In play again, Sandilands and Morton again got going, but this time White and Simson defended ably, and with a capital gallop were soon in front of Sydney's posts, where, in a scrimmage, White scored. Northern District, 2 goals 3 behinds; Sydney, 1 goal 4 behinds. The country men at this stage were playing a fine game. In Tuesday's play they were outdriven by the home team, yesterday there was nothing to choose in that respect. D. F. Garvan was twice applauded for clever work, first in getting the ball from two opponents, and next in defence. Still the visitors prevailed. White brought the ball up, M'Master scored, and the half-time scores were:—Northern District, 3 goals 4 behinds; Sydney, 1 goal 4 behinds.

The second half was a most exciting struggle. Early on resuming Sydney attacked, and Morton, with a beautiful shot, just missed goal, the effort coming on top of some smart work in the Northern District's quarters. A fine effort by D. F. Garvan was ably responded to by Allison, both being well applauded. Sydney were given a free, but White and Allison cleared. J. J. Garvan, with one of his characteristic backhanders, opened the way for Morton, who prettily dribbled in front of goal, and then put the ball through. In play again, Morton took charge, and D. F. Garvan made the tally, amidst much enthusiasm, 3 goals 4 behinds all. The bell sounded on a behind to Sydney.

Hitting off their own line, the North got a rush on, which ended in a behind. The polo was keener than ever, and was high class. Every man on each side showed out in fine fashion, and the game was very fast. A behind to Sydney was succeeded by a splendid gallop by Simson and White, who scored a behind, 3—7 all. The ball travelled up and down the ground, and just on the bell Sandilands made an excellent shot and just failed. Scores: Sydney, 3—8 to 3—7.

The final period opened on Northern's line. D. F. Garvan returned the hit out. Simson saved splendidly, and M'Master was prominent in warding off the attack. Morton presently was well placed for a hit at goal, but his stick was hooked by White. The former, however, a couple of minutes later, met with success, and to the accompaniment of much cheering Sydney took the lead at 4 goals to 3. In the few remaining minutes Northern District drew all the pace out of their mounts, and threw all their vigour into their strokes; but they were met with equal determination, and the game ended in a win after a great contest for Sydney by 4 goals 11 behinds to 3 goals 7 behinds.

COURSING.

QUIRINDI CUP MEETING.

QUIRINDI, Thursday.

The second day of the coursing meeting resulted:—

Quirindi Cup.—Rathdrum beat Glen Alwyn, Dreadnought beat Memento.

Final.—Rathdrum beat Dreadnought.

The Sapling Stakes was won by Only Hope.

St. Leger Stakes.—Colina a bye, Mildinan beat Bitter Brew.

Final.—Mildinan beat Colina.

Novice.—First ties: Trixie beat Warned Off, Winsome Lass beat Rowene, Lady Wilde a bye. Second ties: Winsome Lass beat Trixie, Lady Wilde a bye.

Final.—Winsome Lass beat Lady Wilde.

Supplementary Stakes.—Final: Bitter Brew beat Daffodil.

GOLF.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The semi-finals of the golf championships were played to-day. Mr. Stirling created a surprise by beating Mr. Gunson, 2 up and 1 to play. Mr. Cheadle defeated Mr. Hyland, 1 up.

Mrs. Julian Ayers and Miss Gardiner are left in the final of the ladies' championship.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY LEAGUE.

THE FINAL.

The final of the first grade and Royal Agricultural Shield, under the auspices of the N.S.W. Rugby League, will be decided on the Agricultural Ground on Saturday, August 29, at 3.15 p.m.

The competing teams will be Eastern Suburbs and South Sydney. Both have been beaten once. In the first round Eastern Suburbs defeated South Sydney by 13 points to 12. As both teams are level in the competition, the contest is exciting much enthusiasm amongst league players and supporters.

The curtain-raiser at 2 p.m. will be a competition match between Sydney, winners of the third grade, who have an unbeaten record, and Drummoyne, runners-up.

During the afternoon the six Queensland aborigines will give their sensational exhibition of spear and boomerang throwing.

The League constitution provides that in the final match of the first grade competition one-third of the net proceeds is to be devoted to the hospitals, and the balance to the assurance fund.

RUGBY UNION.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

The team selected to represent the Illawarra Union against South Coast in the interunion match at Berry on Saturday, is as follows:—Full-back, P. Makin; three-quarters, Bunn, Parry, Walker, Taylor; halves, S. Hegherty and Frank O'Brien; forwards, Morris, Beigley, Gilmore, Brooks, P. Sherman, Mann, Moore, P. Dwyer; emergencies, Giles and Scott. The winners to play Berrima, Camden for premiership.

ARIAH PARK, Thursday.

In the final between Tara and the local Federals for the cup, which was played on Saturday, the former won by over 20 points.

CRICKET.

KOGARAH METHODIST CLUB.

The following are the officers elected by this club for the ensuing season:—President, Rev. J. A. Waddell; vice-president, Messrs. W. Wright, O. Stear, B. Traves, W. Ayscough, C. Olds, A. S. Jones; secretary, W. A. Rogerson; treasurer, A. Rolfe; committee, W. Munns, V. Baker, A. Rolfe, W. A. Rogerson; selection committee, W. Munns, A. Rolfe, W. A. Rogerson; delegates to St. George Cricket Association, A. Rolfe and W. A. Rogerson; captain, W. Munns; vice-captain, A. Rolfe.

BOWLS.

ST. GEORGE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The semi-final in this event brought together H. Kinsela and G. Gowen, and A. Louden and J. W. Larbalestier, and in the play-off Kinsela beat Gowen by 31 to 25, and Louden beat Larbalestier by 33 to 19. Louden and Kinsela will play for the blue ribbon during next week. These two players met in the final of this event three years ago, when victory rested with the firstnamed.

HOCKEY.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY DEFEAT VICTORIA.

This match was played yesterday at Rushcutter Bay Oval, and the result was a win for Sydney University by three goals to two. The teams were:—

University: Backs, F. Eastaugh, G. Howatson, A. B. S. White; halves, A. S. Lloyd, A. L. Butler, H. C. Bundock; forwards, Fitzhill, H. Manning, W. S. Hinton, M'Bryde, and W. Inglis.

Victoria: Ashton, Dennett, Davidson, Major, Stott, Gairdner, Brewer, Hudson, Edwards, Roberts, Menzies.

Umpires, Messrs. M'Naghten and Patrick.

University, past and present, did the attacking in the first half, and showed good form, and at half-time led by 2 goals to nil, Manning and M'Bryde registering the goals.

In the second half the visitors played up splendidly, and had University defending most of the time. They scored two goals to the local team's one. Towards the end of the game Victoria put in a hot attack, but could not even up. Hudson and Edwards scored for Victoria. M'Bryde for the winning side. The latter won by 3 goals to 2.

NEW SOUTH WALES v VICTORIA.

The return interstate match will be played tomorrow at Rushcutter Bay Oval. His Excellency Sir Harry Rawson will be present. The early match will be New South Wales II. v III.

BASEBALL.

Mr. R. F. Kelly, playing baseball against University with Waverley last Saturday, fractured one of his legs. His medical adviser reckons on his being laid up three or four weeks.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

PEERLESS CLUB.

The following are the handicaps for the Peerless Bicycle Club's 20-mile open road race, on the Homebush course on Saturday:—E. Coleman, H. Coleman, T. Quill, C. Sutton, W. J. Handcock, scr; W. Stanton, L. Lean, G. E. Handcock, 1m; W. Deaton, 1.30; J. Handcock, 1m 50s; W. Drummond, W. Pritchard, M. Gaudrey, T. Upham, J. Quill, 3m; C. Antilla, R. Doodson, U. Baker, R. Vaux, W. Grindrod, P. Lilley, T. Kitchener, 3m 30s; J. Simmons, P. W. Bentley, G. Elsworthy, S. C. Gaudrey, O. Nichol, J. P. Morgan, 4m; S. Beer, R. Hyslop, R. Gardiner, E. Cleadleigh, W. C. Morris, T. Walmsley, 4m 30s; W. Buckley, J. Nurse, C. Wasson, C. Cripps, 5m; F. Harriss, W. Andrews, H. Ball, 5m 30s; T. O'Hea, L. Bingham, C. E. P. Legge, W. Burton, W. Slattery, 6m; H. Sell, C. Connington, S. Paul, S. Jones, 7m; W. Weekes, P. Johnson, 8m; P. Rowland, J. Marshall, 9m; L. Morrow, W. Davidson, 10m; W. Bones, 12m.

BILLIARDS.

ST. GEORGE BOWLING CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The winter tournament of this club is now nearing its final stage. The various heats resulted as follow:—First round: Amery (150) beat F. Cox (10), Christian (scr) beat M'Millan (75), Kinsela (50) beat Tanver (75 beh.), Munro (50) beat Sadler (100), Govan (scr) beat Lister (140), Nolan (115) beat Brown (40). Ryan; Jackson (75), Williams (10), Hustler (60), Hanks (100), Rogers (40), Hert (15), Dalrymple (100), Finch (65). Second round: Jackson beat Williams, Hustler beat Hanks, Munro beat Kinsela, Nolan beat Govan, Rogers beat Butchart, Finch beat Dalrymple. In the third round Nolan beat Munro, and in the semi-final Nolan beat Finch.

CITY TATTERSALL'S TOURNAMENT.

The fourth round of the above was resumed last night, with the following results:—W. J. Baker (rec. 115) beat G. Jacobson (rec. 125) by 56, M. O'Brien (rec. 120) beat N. Abrahams (rec. 95) by 53.

The last game of the fourth round will be played to-night, at 7.15 p.m., between R. Wallace (rec. 5) and J. Burton (rec. 105), after which the two semi-final games will be played, and the final will take place on Monday night.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB TOURNAMENT NO. 2.

Last night J. Underhill, rec. 45, beat W. Forsyth, owes 45, by 60; "Gleniyon," owes 25, beat E. J. Booth, rec. 45, by 49. To-night's games are:—W. S. Noake, rec. 115, v "Eskbank," rec. 65; W. Pearson, rec. 30, v W. E. Forsyth, rec. 110.

ATHLETICS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

St. Peter's College beat Prince Alfred College to-day at athletic sports by 67 points to 23.

PIGEON HOMING.

The Western Suburbs Homing Pigeon Society held their fourth club race of the season last Saturday from Binalong, distance 156 miles air line, and 242 birds competed. The weather was very stormy, and a north-west wind blew. The following are the prize-winners, with average rate of speed per minute:—W. Jones, 1111yds 0ft 3in; J. Lowe, 1109yds 0ft 10in; H. Wymns, 1055yds 1ft; H. Gissing, 1048yds 2ft 8in; W. Tilley, 1027yds 0ft 7in; J. Freeman, 1025yds 0ft 11in; J. F. Booth, 1020yds 1ft 4in; C. R. Gilbert, 1010yds 0ft 7in; S. Hordern, jun., 1005yds 0ft 5in; J. J. Porter, 999yds 0ft 9in; H. and P. Trotter, 980yds 1ft 5in; G. Means, 988yds 0ft 3in.

BOWRAL, Thursday.

A race under the auspices of the Bowral Homing Pigeon Society was held yesterday from Harden to Bowral, a distance of 119 miles air line. The result was a win for H. G. Small's bird, which averaged 1454yds 2ft 1in per minute. S. Bailey's bird (1440yds 1ft 8in) was second, W. Foord's bird (1438yds 1ft 11in) third, and S. Hine's bird (1357yds 1ft 10in) fourth. The velocity recorded was the fastest done by the club this season.

THE GUN.

BOWRAL, Thursday.

On the Berrima District Gun Club's grounds yesterday afternoon a competition was held for a cup presented by Mr. T. Dalton, and to be won twice. There was a good attendance of shooters, including several members of the Kangaroo Valley Club. The result was that W. Wade secured a leg-in with 13 kills, and also won the added sweepstake.

THE MURRAY WATERS.

MR. PRICE'S DISCUSSIONS.

NEW SOUTH WALES FAIR.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Premier (Mr. Price) remarked to-day on his return from Sydney: "On more than one occasion I discussed the Murray waters question with the Premier of New South Wales, and on Tuesday morning Mr. Wade, Mr. Lee, and myself were together for a couple of hours. The position they take up is that they had their bill ready to introduce when Mr. Swinburne, Minister for Water Supply in Victoria, made his speech. When they realised the seriousness of the statement made in that speech, they felt that they should withhold the bill until those statements were investigated. Like Victoria, New South Wales wants as much water as possible for irrigation purposes; and if Mr. Swinburne can show that the Premiers in conference were too liberal to South Australia in the agreement they drew up, they will join hands with Victoria in taking more water. If it is shown that within our boundaries we are wasting water, the other States contemplate using every cubic foot of water in their country. I found Mr. Wade and Mr. Lee very fair; in fact, I got an emphatic statement from both of them that there would be no delay in the introduction of the bill. They said that the suggestion that they were playing a game, so as to get time to initiate irrigation works, was without foundation; in fact, it was altogether untrue. They were going on with their works certainly, but they were also prepared to go on with the bill."

INTREPID PROSPECTORS.

VAGARIES OF A MOTOR BOAT.

REMARKABLE EXPERIENCES.

PORT DARWIN, Thursday.

William Mellor Schachtschnabel, H. Baker, August Petersen, and Wilmott, left here about six weeks ago in a small oil launch for the purpose of examining the mineral country on Fitzmaurice River. On Tuesday morning Baker and Wilmott returned in the launch under sail. The boat was leaking badly.

They reported having undergone remarkable experiences. The launch belongs to Henry Lee, of Port Darwin, and was lent to the party. Baker, an engineer, was in charge. In the first instance the whole party were nearly swamped in the heavily-laden craft; while crossing the tide rip off the entrance to Fitzmaurice. Later the boat was run on a reef in the river and capsized by a strong tidal current, and seriously damaged. The party subsequently had trouble with the natives, and their food having run short Baker and Wilmott started to bring the boat back to Port Darwin. They got it ashore off Cape Dombey, and it was buried 2ft or 3ft in a shifting sand bank. The two men were detained there several days, and were kindly treated by the natives, who supplied them with food and water. Later they re-embarked, and succeeded in reaching the Government coal-boring party at Cliff Head, near the mouth of the Daly River, where they were treated with much kindness, and rested some days.

Wilmott states that the three men left on the Fitzmaurice elected to remain and take their chance rather than risk returning in the boat. Two other prospectors, M'Alister, and another, who travelled overland from Wyndham some months ago, are working somewhere on the same river. It is known that M'Alister came into Pine Creek some weeks ago, took out miner's rights, and returned with a quantity of stores.

THE MISSING HAWEA.

VESSELS STILL SEARCHING.

BYRON BAY, Thursday.

Messrs. Fenwick's tug Advance, which has been out six days searching for the Hawea, called here last evening for provisions. She had heard nothing of the missing vessel so far, and left this morning to explore the seas east of the Brisbane coast, in which waters the missing vessel is supposed to have drifted.

AMUSEMENTS.

CONCERT AT THE Y.M.C.A. HALL.

A popular concert to celebrate the visit of the American fleet was held at the Y.M.C.A. Hall last evening. There was a fair attendance. Madame Camille Cornwell, the dramatic soprano, was, however, unable, in consequence of a severe cold, to appear. Miss Ruby Guest's Premier Orchestra rendered suitably various pieces, and Mr. Hector A. Pope played several selections and accompaniments on the Aeriola. A mandoline quintet, consisting of the Misses Brown, Hanna, Hogarth, Clancy, and Guest, a banjo duet by the Misses Goldsmid and Price, and a banjo solo by Mr. B. Goldsmid were all well received. The conductress was Miss Ruby H. Guest, and the concert manager Mr. Hector A. Pope.

RECITAL BY MR. LAURANCE PHILLIP.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Laurance Phillip gave a recital at the showrooms of David Jones, Ltd., for the purpose of introducing the Grotrian Steinwig Nache pianos. There was a good attendance, and those present evidently enjoyed the selection, which consisted of the following items:—Fantasia Impromptu (Chopin), Mazurka in A minor, Nocturne No. 18, March Funebre, Prelude D flat major, and Scherzo B flat major, also by the same composer; "Star of Eve" (Wagner-Liszt) and Liszt's Rhapsodie No. 11.

BAND RECITAL AT THE TOWN HALL.

A musical programme by the massed bands that were successful in the contests promoted by the Sports and Amusements, Limited, was given last night at the Town Hall. The patronage was limited, and his Excellency the State Governor, who was to have presented the prizes won during the recent competition in various events, was unavoidably absent. The main items were rendered with success by the "A" and "B" grade bands who had proved their superiority, and some of the principal selections given during the friendly rivalry in Fleet week were repeated, and duly appreciated. At the close of the performance the prizes were handed over to the recipients.

THE BURNS-SQUIRES FIGHT BIOGRAPH.

In consequence of the great success achieved by the British Biograph at the Stadium, with the recent Burns-Squires contest, the management have secured a lease of the Palace Theatre for a season of five nights, starting from Monday. Two performances will take place daily, the box plans for which are now open at Nicholson's. The picture was taken by Osborne and Jerdan.

THE GLACIARIUM.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY MATCH.

On Wednesday evening a large audience witnessed a hockey match on the ice between the Glaciarium players and a team from the visiting warships. Our men were the first to score, but a moment after the scales were balanced, and at half-time each side had scored one goal. In the second half the Americans made the game very fast, scoring four goals in succession. The sticks used by the visitors were twice as big in all measurements at the playing end as those used by our men.

SPENCER'S THEATRESCOPE.

Last night, in addition to the American fleet series, Mr. Spencer showed its departure yesterday, which is photographically equal to any imported film. The series now comprise the arrival, official landing receptions, saluting the base, the procession through the city, review, sports, garden party, etc.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL REPORT.

BUSINESS FOR THE SESSION.

The annual report of the Local Government Association, accompanied by the notices of motion, which, it is intended shall be brought before the conference to be opened in the Town Hall on Tuesday, has been published by the Lord Mayor, as president.

It refers in the opening sentences to the headway that local government is making throughout the State. New powers of taxation alone, says the report, furnish an example of the greatly increased powers, and as a consequence, of the much increased responsibilities of aldermen under the Local Government Act. "To take a typical case:—Under the old system a certain municipality raised rates amounting to £10,700 per annum. Under the new Act this same municipality is empowered to levy rates to the amount of £25,000 per annum. The fixed loan of the municipality referred to amounted to £19,000; under the Local Government Act it may increase its loan to £100,000. Needless to say, the exercise of such powers calls for the highest qualities of judgment and greater business capacity."

Special attention is called to the vast powers that shires and municipalities may acquire. These are set out in the 50 sub-sections of section 109 of the Act, and the observation is made that there is now opened up a field of service and civic service which may call out the best services of the best men in each shire and municipality. The system adopted by most municipalities of rating wholly on unimproved values has caused an agitation in several of them for severance of the outlying portions with the view of their being included in adjoining shires, where the taxation is less heavy, but so far no severance has actually taken place. Since the annual subscription was reduced in 1899 the expenditure has exceeded the receipts by more than £100 yearly, and if the efficiency of the association is to be maintained the committee is of opinion that the amount must be increased. It therefore recommends that rule No. 2 be amended by making the subscription £3 3s annually instead of £2 2s.

THE BUSINESS PAPER.

The business paper contains notices of motion by 20 councils, and nearly all of them comprise suggestions as to the directions in which the Act might well be amended.

The Bathurst Council will seek the approval of the association to a motion that in any bill introduced to amend the Local Government Act, provision be made—(a) To place municipalities in the position they were in before the passing of the 1906 Act in connection with their liability in cases of accident occurring in public thoroughfares; (b) that where action is taken against a council, if the council makes an offer of settlement to the plaintiff, including his costs to date of such offer, and it is not accepted, the plaintiff, if he goes on with the case, shall be liable for the whole of the costs incurred after the rejection of such offer unless he obtains a verdict in excess of the offer made.

From the municipality of Campbelltown comes a motion,—"That it is advisable, in the interests of all municipalities and shires, that the words 'after the commencement of this Act' shall be eliminated from section 82 of the Local Government Act, to allow any controlling body to deal with obstructions erected before or after the passing of the Act."

Hurstville Council will recommend the passage of a motion,—"That the Government be urged to appoint a board to administer the Local Government Act of 1906, consisting of one nominee each of the Government, municipalities, and shires, the services of the municipalities' and shire nominees to be remunerated by the Government.

Three suggestions for amendment of the Act are put forward by the Coreen shire—that there be included in the powers which councils may acquire the right to exercise the construction, management, and maintenance of light railways; a provision that overdue rates shall be subject to a fine of 10 per cent. per annum, instead of bearing interest at 4 per cent.; and that power be given to Appeal Courts to award costs to councils in cases where appeals are unsuccessful, or where appeals are withdrawn.

From Gunnedah come four suggestions for a change of the law in minor directions, one being that owners of land shall be responsible for the eradication of noxious weeds, and that notice once given shall be continuous notice; that the Act be amended so that ratepayers shall be able to appeal after each valuation only, instead of after each assessment, as at present; that municipal councils shall have power to grant reasonable expenses to each alderman travelling on council business except to and from meetings; and that on any rates unpaid after due date interest at 5 per cent. shall be charged, the minimum amount chargeable being 3d.

The Manilla Council wants the rules so amended that only municipal councils shall be eligible for affiliation with the association.

From Muswellbrook comes a proposal that if one account of the council happens to be in credit the council shall have power to "loan" the amount to any account that may need assistance.

Strathfield desires that the Act shall be amended so that appeals may be heard and the valuation fixed before the rate is struck.

Randwick proposes that no Mayor or alderman shall act as such until he shall before a Commissioner of the Supreme Court or a Justice have made and subscribed a declaration that having been elected Mayor or alderman for the municipality of ——, he will faithfully fulfil his duties, and that he has not fraudulently or collusively obtained the office to which he has been elected; that any alderman being absent without leave for more than three successive months shall thereby become disqualified; and that sections 99 and 100 of the Local Government Act of 1906, relating to subdivisions and making of new roads, etc., be so amended as to place the Crown on the same footing as a private person.

Lismore wishes the following to be carried:—That this association approves of section 131 of the Local Government Act being amended by changing the mode laid down therein for rating Government lands on unimproved values for all purposes, more especially properties with buildings erected thereon within the water and sewerage area of a municipality and using such services, with a view to bringing them into conformity with the rating of other buildings assessed under section 31 of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act, 1905, so that the assessment may be made on the improved or unimproved value so far as it relates to Acts other than the Local Government Act, 1906.

Narrandera proposes that the Act be amended in respect to rating of Crown lands, so as to allow them to be subject to rate on improved capital value same as private owners, and that the Act be amended so as to dispense with the statutory declaration as to oral tenancy in the compiling of the rolls, except at the request of the council clerk.

Yass proposes that licensed vehicle owners shall have some relief; that the Government be asked to so amend the Local Government Act as to permit a carrier or other licensed vehicle paying a license in any one municipality or shire to ply in all others without payment of any further fees.

Gundagai suggests that it is advisable that the Act be so amended that where desired by a majority of electors within a municipality the Minister shall have the power to amalgamate such municipality with the adjoining shire; and that it is advisable to have vested in the Mayors of the various municipalities the power to issue railway passes to Sydney for the purpose of getting poor and necessitous cases to the hospitals where immediate attention is required on receiving from the Government Medical Officer a certificate.

From Jamberoo come two proposals, one providing that change of residence shall not debar a person from enrolment as an elector, provided he has been in occupation of any rateable land during the three months preceding the prescribed day; and the other—that section 132B (3) Local Government Act be amended so that the council's valuer make valuations under conditions similar to other properties, and not be compelled to adopt twenty times the annual rental value as the unimproved capital value of Crown lands.

Stockton wishes to see a change introduced with regard to Crown lands, so as to bring their unimproved capital value into line with the unimproved capital value of other lands as laid down in sub-section 1 of section 132, and not at twenty times the annual rent as now provided.

Mosman suggests that the Act of 1906 be considered with a view of forwarding any suggested amendments to the Premier.

Broken Hill wants five alterations in the Act:—To allow of appellants being represented by agents under written authority in appeals against valuations; to provide for holding of Appeal Courts before the rate is struck; to provide for the election of Mayor by the electors; to alter section 55 so as to provide for adult suffrage; and in section 135 (1) to insert after the word "thereafter" in second line the words "or if so decided by resolution every year"; and in sub-section 3 after the word "triennial" in fourth line the words "or annual."

Lastly, Berry proposes that the Government be asked to amend the endowment clauses of the Local Government Act so as to provide for a fixed sum being paid annually to municipal councils according to their necessities, based upon the amount of their income and the responsibility for expenditure transferred from the Government by the Local Government Act.

These are the chief proposals for discussion.

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NEW SYDNEY.

A GREAT CITY TAKING STOCK.

V.

GOODS TRAFFIC.

THE GROWTH OF GOODS TONNAGE.

The movement of the goods from the ships to the railway and vice versa is the measure of Sydney's commercial growth, and this traffic, as shown in the last article, is heavily handicapped by the steep gradients and the narrow streets and the arbitrary and roundabout routes imposed of necessity by our traffic authorities. Mr. Harper tells us that the tonnage dealt with in Darling Harbour station in 1901 was 1,168,218 tons, which had grown to 1,832,140 tons in 1907, or an increase of 56 per cent. He shows us the nature of the goods carried, thus:—(1) Export traffic—coal, coke, wheat, shale, frozen meat, and rabbits, stock; (2) traffic brought by railways to water—coal, rock phosphates, superphosphates, gypsum, road-metal, wire-netting, kerosene; (3) all wool carted from station—some to city, rest to Pyrmont, probably more to latter; (4) total number of bags of wheat shipped during year ending November, 1907, 1,333,446; (5) total tonnage of coal and coke shipped during 12 months ending July, 1907, 846,494.

CARTAGE VERSUS LIGHTERAGE.

Now we come to the important question of getting our rail-borne home products from the railway to the ship's side. We find from Mr. Harper's evidence that wheat, coal, and coke, shale, frozen meat and rabbits, and stock are brought to the Darling Harbour wharfs and to the ship's side by trucks. Wool is carted from the station to the stores, because, as Mr. Harper explained, the great bulk of it is now offered for sale locally, and has to go into the various wool stores in the city and Pyrmont, in order to be under inspection of the buyers and agents. Mr. Edward thought that the "cartage problem" could be solved by conveying wool and other goods from the trucks at Darling Harbour by lighter to the ship in stream, or at wharfs not connected with the railway, and by bringing goods from the ships' holds in the same way to the trucks on the Darling Harbour line. The railway expert, however, asserts that the nature of Sydney trade vetoes this, because 83 per cent. of the wool is sold from our own warehouses, and is not shipped direct to London; and oversea imports go through the Sydney houses, and very little of it goes direct to the country.

SYDNEY AS A NIJNI NOVGOROD.

Every great city is primarily a market, a fair; and though the goods are not exposed in the open air, Sydney is as much a fair as Nijni Novgorod; it has drawn to itself the buyer of our primary products from abroad. London is no longer our sale-room and entrepot. As our industrial development proceeds, we shall draw to Sydney as by a magnet the principals of mercantile houses dealing in the primary products of the State, so that, where now the principal house is in London, and the agencies in Australia, in the future the agency will be in London, and the principal house in Australia. The magnetic pole is changing. New shipping lines, such as the Royal Dutch Packet Company, augmenting the communication with the splendid markets of the East, will give rise to further development of wheat production, and export of stock, butter, and wines. And as the export grows—as it is now growing—by leaps and bounds, the traffic problem—the problem of commercial growth—becomes more acute.

DOUBLING OUR TONNAGE.

On this question of the future development of the primary industries Mr. Harper throws some light. The railway authorities—as is their business—are looking ahead, and this is what they see: In 10 years' time (vide Mr. Harper's evidence) our shipping tonnage will double. We shall double, if not treble, our output of wheat; a great increase in wool is not looked for, nor in the export of frozen meat. "With the increase of dairying and wheat cultivation," says Mr. Harper, "we cannot look for a very marked increase in our flocks." Again, the fact may be recalled that the wool production for the State for the year ended June, 1907, was 956,500 bales, and of these 796,420 bales passed into the warehouses away from the water frontages, and therefore passed through the streets on the way. We seek an explanation of the fact that the wool warehouses are not in close proximity to the shipping. Mr. Selfe first raised the question of a railway around the wharfs. If there were such a line, he asked, would future wool warehouses be erected adjacent to that line? An important hypothetical question. Mr. Harper's answer is significant. "I think," he said, "the wool merchants are inclined to go where they can get cheap land. I might mention Dalgety's store, which has been built lately. As a matter of fact, they would not take wool tendered to them by lighter; they insist upon the wool being carted to them in order to get the advantage of the elevation for handling." Dalgety's take advantage of the steep hill behind the foreshore, and their commodities are not raised, but lowered, it appears.

THE WHARFS RAILWAY.

We find in the evidence a striking example of the want of co-ordination between the great Sydney governing services—a defect which probably furnishes the strongest argument for a Greater Sydney Sydney Council on the London, Glasgow, or Birmingham plan. The president asked Mr. Harper:—(1) Whether he favoured the extension of a goods railway to Circular Quay, and (2) Did he favour a goods line on the eastern side of Darling Harbour. Mr. Harper, claiming to deal with the matter "from a practical, paying point of view," did not favour either of these extensions. He doubted whether such goods as are sent direct to the country would be touched to any extent by a railway on the eastern side of Darling Harbour; he did not think the line would pay, nor did he think the traffic would justify it. When this answer had been given, Mr. Hickson, president of the Harbour Trust, asked this startling question: "Do you know that the Harbour Trust Commissioners have a scheme before them now for about 14 additional oversea berths between the gasworks and Dawes Point?" To this Mr. Harper answered "No." He did not know it. It will be seen from this how necessary a Royal Commission is, if it does not nothing else than bring two great independent executive departments into touch with each other.

FORMAL INTRODUCTION OF STRANGERS.

Here we have plans being made affecting common operations, and affecting a common national objective, by two separate authorities, acting under statutory powers, and neither consulting the other. There is no Jovian central authority to reconcile the separate plans of Vulcan on shore and Neptune on the sea or the wharf. It is as if two generals of a national army were working out their separate plans without consultation in the face of the enemy. It is useless to condemn these statutory authorities; the system itself must be condemned, which not only allows, but provides, specifically for this independence of action. The leaders of the two systems have no meeting place, no common council-room, such as a Ministers' Cabinet. The Harbour Trust is nominally subject to the Minister of Public Works, while the Railway Commission is nominally subject to the State Treasurer. The public of Sydney, and the commercial community, whose interests suffer by a want of co-operation between a great number of executive bodies in Sydney, will rejoice that these two "high contracting powers" have met in the Royal Commissioners' room and have been introduced. An exchange of views on many questions should at once be arranged; and some Minister might be told off to call the two boards into his own room once a month to see what they are doing. Then such startling incidents might not occur as that where Mr. Harper, of the railways, was shaken to his foundations by the display of the well-concealed plans of the Harbour Trust in relation to the Darling Harbour wharfs' scheme.

THE HARBOUR TRUST'S PLANS.

Mr. Hickson proceeded, in a further question, to outline the scheme. "The large oversea traffic," he said, "is going away from Circular Quay, and Woolloomooloo Bay is filled up. That traffic will be concentrated between Dawes Point and Miller's Point. We are providing very fine accommodation, with good stores, and a good road behind them. Under those circumstances," he continued, "I ask you whether you think it would be justifiable to recommend that a railway should be brought down to those new wharfs?" Mr. Harper's reply was still "No," he thought it would be rather too costly, "as far as the wool was concerned." It occurs, doubtless, to most people, that this question might have been asked of higher railway authorities than Mr. Harper any time during the maturing of the wharfage plans by the Harbour Trust. But then we are up against another of the defects of the domestic government of Sydney, and in this instance it has a wider effect upon the great producing interests of New South Wales in the interior, which are penalised by the difficulties of transit and by the enhancement of cost and handling, and thus inevitably get a smaller return for their commodities. In addition there is the appreciable loss of efficiency, as pointed out by Mr. M'Mahon, and the labour-in-vain process in haulage of goods.

FURTHER OFFICIAL RETICENCE.

The Harbour Trust is not singular, it seems, in its capacity for concealing its plans for the future. Mr. Hickson was no doubt surprised in his turn when Mr. Harper informed him at the Commission table that the Railway authorities proposed to effect an improvement in the haulage of goods from the ship's side to the railway, by bringing the railway to Glebe Island, and connecting it with Darling Harbour. One of the advantages of this would be that it would, by relieving the suburban railway from Flemington downwards, render the electrification of the suburban lines more simple. The route will be by a divergence at Flemington, under the bridge at Lewisham to Glebe Island, crossing from Glebe Island to Darling Harbour. "The whole of the goods business at Darling Harbour," said Mr. Harper, "will be taken by that route. Shipping appliances will be provided for wheat, coal, coke, and minerals at Glebe Island." This, it is anticipated, would have the effect of relieving the congestion (1) at Darling Harbour, and (2) on the main suburban line.

GLEBE ISLAND AS A DEPOT.

Mr. Harper sees no difficulty in shipping coal, wheat, and meat in one place, and he asserts that "there is space enough at Glebe Island or in White Bay for another fifty years." During the questioning upon these problems by individual members of the Commission, it appeared that these two schemes for new wharfage were in the nature of "diversions" of existing traffic. No doubt, as the inquiry goes on, much will turn on the question whether it is not more than a mere diversion of traffic—whether it is not, in fact, a preparation for that large volume of increase of tonnage which can with certainty be predicted as settlement in the State becomes closer, through the deliberate policy of Parliament, and as population increases. The fact that the Railway Commissioners seriously contemplate opening up communication with wharfs so remote from our existing centres as Glebe Island, and establishing permanent facilities for loading and unloading direct from the ships to the trucks, shows that Admiral Sperry's tribute to the harbour as "one of the finest anchorages in the world" was no empty compliment. We must also remember that this is Sir Hector Carruthers' scheme.

CENTRAL WOOL DEPOT.

We find from Mr. Harper's evidence that the wool stores are placed, not upon a general preconceived plan of convenience, but haphazard, the sites chosen for varied reasons, cheapness of land, ease of access, vicinage to the wharfs, etc. A great central distributing emporium, it appears, was another dream of the railway authorities. "At one time," said Mr. Harper, "we contemplated erecting a central wool warehouse, where all the wool could be offered, but vested interests were so strong that the idea was abandoned." The Darling Harbour railway has no stores for wool, which is apparently taken direct from the trucks to the private stores. It is doubtful if a private railway company would have so weekly acquiesced in what appears to be a wasteful system if it could have assisted commerce and decreased the cost of handling by establishing either "one central wool warehouse" or "half a dozen receiving depots," for better distribution from a line of railway connecting direct with the interior, and with all existing lines.

ONE FURTHER STEP.

The feature of this stage of the inquiry is that three important Governmental agencies for civic work are discovered to have no effective communication with each other for administration purposes. The Railway Commission, the Harbour Trust, and the transit authorities are each a law unto themselves. The administration principle of "not letting the right hand know what the left hand is doing" may be carried too far. If we read it of a foreign nation, like the Chinese, we should laugh. But it is no laughing matter here. It is responsible for much unnecessary expense, and much inevitable inefficiency. In solving the problems of providing an adequate method of dealing with our astounding commercial growth and its probable increasing momentum, co-ordination of all executive services is necessary in order to overcome our natural and acquired disabilities, and to put our natural advantages to the best use.

THE SINGLE TAX AND THE CHURCHES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Mr. C. R. Staples, the hon. secretary of the New South Wales Property Owners' Defence Association, in to-day's paper draws attention to a circular which I have sent to about 1200 ministers of all denominations in this State. He takes exception to this action, and declares that the single tax can easily be shown to be unsound in principle, and would be immoral in practice. If it is so easy to show so much he could have readily pleased his association by doing so. Instead of adopting this easy course he proceeds to abuse us by writing about "this crafty attempt to give a religious hue to what at best is a mere eccentricity of ill-balanced minds," and so on. The circular which I sent to ministers on behalf of the Sydney Single Tax League is as follows:—

Reverend Sir,—The 2nd of September is the anniversary of the birth of Henry George. For a number of years it has been customary for us to meet to commemorate that event. It is an occasion when new and old believers in the economic gospel of Henry George renew their inspiration for another year's work. This year the gathering promises to be a record. Since we met last year great progress has been made. Our system of local taxation has been remodelled, and local revenues in a very large majority of cases have been levied solely upon unimproved land values.

It is, we know, a matter of some concern to some ministers, as their churches owned valuable lands, besides those used exclusively for religious purposes. The growing necessities of the community make, maintain, and increase the value of land regardless of the owner. Those who own land, own a value which they have not laboured to produce. This ownership has long been an irresponsible power producing widespread evils.

The extremes of wealth and poverty, the insanitary dwellings, the sweated workers, the forcing of women and children into industry—often without pay for the latter—and the cry of hundreds of able-bodied men in this almost empty continent, for land that they can live on, are but some of the fruits of a system that Henry George lived to overthrow.

We are apt to allow our sense of justice to be deadened by the profits which an evil system incidentally allots to some of us, or to those connected with us. Even single-taxers have been hit by the new system of rating, but it has not put them out of action. They are still in the fight for restoring to the people their right to the profit of the earth, which Solomon declared was for all.

It seems to me that this movement to tax publicly-created land values only instead of taxing the labour of the people, is the first essential step in social reform. Believing that this way to proceed to make things better is right, we earnestly ask for your co-operation. We ask that you may join in the tribute to the memory of Henry George at one of the services on Sunday, 30th August, or Sunday, 6th September by taking one of the many suitable texts in the Word of God, and frankly expounding the true relation of men, women, and children to the land.

The problems that vex us can be solved, the injustices of to-day can be removed, and the wrongs of ages can be cut away by the sword of truth. With this letter I am sending you a copy of an address delivered by the Rev. W. H. Beale at the meeting of the Methodist Ministers' Association on the 3rd of February, 1908, which I hope will prove interesting.—Yours faithfully,

A. G. HUIE, Secretary.

The reader will see that ministers are not asked to do any more than can readily be found in the Word which they are commissioned to preach. Why are so many of our churches half empty to-day? Simply because some ministers preach to suit their wealthy members. Recently some very eminent preachers in the United States pointed out how the various churches were losing their hold upon the people of New York. They have many splendid churches, beautifully kept, and well financed, but without congregations. The ordinary man has had enough of a gospel that points to a possible glorious hereafter, while it glosses over the actions of his fellow man in depriving him of a chance to earn a living, while perforce he has to live in this world. Hardly a day passes but evidence is supplied in the daily press of the State about the demand for land in our country districts. I am within the mark when I say that there are thousands who want land to cultivate, and on which to establish homes. They cannot get it. Why? Because 22,000,000 acres of our best lands are locked up in the hands of some 700 holders, to say nothing of smaller areas, which are but partly used. If the land question was not essentially a moral one, there might be some excuse for a protest. But as it is involved in the command, "Thou shalt not steal," the minister that fails to reason this matter out honestly should be engaged at some other occupation. The issue is plain. The ministers among your many readers are asked by Mr. Staples to conserve the alleged interests of the N.S.W. Property Defence Association, in preference to putting in a word for justice for all men. To those who think of acting on the advice of your correspondent I would say, let the business of conserving the interests of mammon be confined to those who object to paying their fair share of the taxation of the country. That is the class of man in the Property Defence Association. Their appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Staples is shown in the fact that he is hon. secretary. It seems to me, however, that he has neglected the interests of his clients by failing to take up my challenge to publicly debate the question of rating on unimproved values. So much for his gratuitous claim that the public platform is "wide enough for the discussion of such questions." I could readily support my position by several hundred quotations from the writings and utterances of eminent men, including many ministers, in all ages. I will, however, be content with one sentence from a lecture by Dr. M'Glynn, of New York, on "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." "The Creator has made ample provision for all men in the storehouse of Nature, and in the faculties and powers of man. To do God's will, we must make room at the Father's table for all his children." I am, etc.,

A. G. HUIE, Sec. S.S.T.L.

Aug. 26.

THE LOGIC OF THE LUMPER.

FLEET'S HOSPITAL SHIP LAID UP.

COAL-LUMPERS REFUSE WORK.

"The difficulty we have," remarked a member of the executive of the Coal-lumpers' Union, when asked some time ago if his body would support the tramway employees on strike, "is not to get our members to strike, but to keep them at work."

The truth of this remark has again been substantiated, as the members of the Coal-lumpers' Union, although offered full rates and conditions granted by the Arbitration award, have emphatically refused to coal the U.S.A. hospital ship Relief, at present lying in Port Jackson.

The reason put forward by the lumpers for their refusal to carry out the provisions of the Arbitration Court award is that the American battleships used their own crews to coal at this port. Although this custom is adopted by the British Navy here, and despite the fact that the United States fleet did the same thing at all other ports of call, the logic of the lumper leads him to the conclusion that he has a grievance against the fleet in particular and the United States of America in general.

Meanwhile, the Relief lies at anchor with empty bunkers, and is unable to leave to her schedule time on her voyage to Manila. The proprietors of the Southern Coal-owners' Agency are helpless. They have sent the coal alongside, but, unless the Coal-lumpers' Union can be forced to transfer it from the hulks to the steamer's bunkers, the Relief will apparently have to be detained here indefinitely, or proceed to some other port to load.

The manager of the Southern Coal-owners' Agency has forwarded the following letter to the assistant paymaster of the Relief:—

Walter D. Sharp, Esq., Assistant Paymaster, U.S.S. Relief, Sydney.

Dear Sir,—Referring to my letter of 25th instant, I regret to have to inform you that my fear that the Sydney Coal-lumpers' Union would cause trouble in coaling your vessel has been realised, and the gangs ordered to go off to coal the Relief from the hulk Tamar and the steamer Governor Blackall, have declined to go off to work.

I reported this matter to the Premier of New South Wales, but am informed that owing to his numerous engagements to-day he will not be able to interview me on the subject.

Therefore, under these circumstances, I will have to remove the steamer Governor Blackall, and discharge her elsewhere, and to claim protection for non-supply to you in accordance with the stipulation in my said letter of the 25th.

Unless you are able to provide American sailors to discharge and trim the coal into your vessel I venture to suggest that the best course to pursue would be for you to wait upon the Premier of the State and explain the difficulties of your position, as I am unable to get the coal lumpers to work unless some official intervention on the Premier's part compels the members to do the work in question.

I very much regret this unpleasant circumstance, especially as it has arisen in connection with the friendly visit of your country's fleet.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) W. A. FIRTH, Manager.

27th August, 1908.

When seen last night, Alderman O'Connor, secretary of the Coal-lumpers' Union, said that the men thought the American authorities should have given them the work. "As they refused to do this," said Mr. O'Connor, "we have refused to coal the Relief." He added that he had nothing to say about the Arbitration Court award or the Industrial Disputes Act. He only knew that the men refused to work on the vessel. He did not know what she would do for coal; he only knew that the Coal-lumpers' Union would not have anything to do with her.

DISAPPEARING FAUNA.

LEGISLATION INEFFECTIVE.

"MURDEROUS MILLINERY."

A special feature of the meeting of the Linnean Society of New South Wales, held on Wednesday night at the Linnean Hall, Elizabeth Bay, was a discussion on the question of securing more adequate protection of characteristic Australian native plants and animals. The president (Mr. A. H. S. Lucas) was in the chair, and at the invitation of the society several gentlemen who were among the best qualified to give information and advice on the subject, were present.

The secretary (Mr. J. J. Fletcher) presented to the meeting a summary of the various attempts made in other countries and States to preserve fauna and flora by means of (a) protected national parks and preserves, with or without the co-operation of contiguous private estate owners; (b) of restrictive legislation, with or without gun license, exacting the permanent protection of animals, etc., or during close seasons; and (c) effectual movements and organisations to prevent or minimise the wanton destruction of birds and animals by the enlightenment of public opinion, unthinking women who wear plumes, skins, or feathers of wild birds, etc., and of the careless farmer, settler, or squatter who, because birds and other animals occasionally levy toll on his crops or orchard, uses every effort to destroy them without discrimination.

Mr. A. J. North, of the Sydney Museum, contributed a paper pointing out certain weak points in the original Acts on bird protection and bird destruction in this State. It was impossible to afford full protection to many species unless absolute protection was given, because of irregularities in breeding habits. Vast destruction of birds was due, directly or indirectly, to the introduction of foxes and also rabbits, especially in efforts towards keeping the latter in check.

Mr. Frank Farnell, chairman of the National Park Trust, said that recently he had been instrumental in getting a proposed bill drafted, to provide for the introduction, acclimatisation, and preservation of animals and birds which are deemed to be of economic value to New South Wales, but until the Cabinet made it a Government measure its chance of coming into operation was remote. To appreciate this legislation the proper people were wanted, such as the Sydney Museum authorities and kindred institutions. But somehow these had been overlooked. The present legislation, so far as its effective operation was concerned, was a dead letter. In his opinion the whole of the State should be proclaimed a national park. (Hear, hear.) If something was not done soon the National Park would be the only place where native fauna would be found.

Mr. F. J. W. Harrison, secretary of the Kuring-gai Chase Trust, said that one of the greatest drawbacks was the want of adequate fencing, besides which the hilly nature of the country made thorough supervision almost impossible.

Mr. F. M. Rothery, secretary of the Animals' Protection Society, advocated the introduction of a measure which would provide for the protection of all birds and their eggs, with the exception of those birds proved to be pests. The aid of the National Council of Women should be sought, especially in connection with placing a veto on "murderous millinery." (Hear, hear.)

Mr. R. Etheridge, jun. (Curator of the Australian Museum) suggested that birds that may be shot should be specified, and all others protected. Trapping was a pernicious factor. Some years ago the lyre bird was common in certain places where now, owing to trapping, one could not be found. It was not an uncommon sight to see on railway stations large cases of parrots. Any bird that would sell was trapped. Not long ago he noticed in a window in George-street a number of seagulls for sale at 1s 6d each. Yet these were absolutely protected birds.

Mr. J. H. Maiden, representing the Royal Society of New South Wales, communicated a letter which had been received from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in London upon the subject of the treatment which is now being meted out to birds of paradise in New Guinea since the secession of the proclamation made in 1904 for the protection of these birds, and asking for the support of the society in obtaining a renewal of the proclamation. The New South Wales society had approached the Commonwealth Government through the Premier.

Messrs. Deane, H. J. Carter, and R. T. Baker also expressed their views.

The meeting resolved to forward its congratulations to Professor Spencer, of the Melbourne University, the leader of the influential deputation which waited upon Mr. Deakin early this month. A sub-committee was formed, comprising Messrs. R. T. Baker, W. H. Froggatt, A. G. Hamilton, J. H. Maiden, A. J. North, and ex officio members to confer with other societies which are contemplating an appeal to the Government, so as to promote co-operation.

CARGO OF CONVICTS.

The transport Loire, which set sail recently from St. Martin de Re, off Rochefort, for the penitentiary settlement of Guiana and the islands (states the Paris correspondent of a London contemporary) has on board 508 convicts, some of whom have a world-wide notoriety. The first to be shipped from the Citadel shortly after dawn, was ex-Lieutenant Ullmo, sentenced to life-long imprisonment for attempting to sell naval secrets. Under a strong guard he was put on board a despatch boat, with two particularly dangerous criminals, and taken out to the transport, which lay in the roadstead. Then on four other boats the rest of the convicts were taken off in their turn, among them being Vere Goold, the assassin of Mme. Emma Levin, whose death sentence was commuted by the Prince of Monaco. Mrs. Goold remains behind to serve a life sentence in a French prison. Vere Goold walked to the landing stage with his head hanging down, his loaf of bread under his arm, and a canvas bag containing provisions and linen slung over his left shoulder. Another assassin was Giret, who was to have been married on July 27. His sweetheart was allowed to see him before he started.

A PATRIOTIC OUTBURST.

COMPARISON OF THE FLEETS.

MR. P. M'GARRY SILENCED.

WAGGA, Thursday.

Mention of the American fleet, or more correctly a comparison made of the American fleet to the disparagement of the British navy, was the spark which exploded a spontaneous outburst of patriotic feeling at the Masonic Hall, Wagga, last night. The occasion was the annual smoke social of the Murrumbidgee Pastoral and Agricultural Association, held after the second day of the Wagga show, over which Mr. James Gormly, M.L.C., presided. The hall was crowded with members of the association, principally pastoralists and farmers, and many visitors, including Mr. J. Chanter, M.P., and Mr. P. M'Garry, member for Wagga in the State House.

Mr. M'Garry, responding to the toast of "Our Guests," said that the visit of the American fleet to Sydney Harbour was the most beautiful spectacle he had ever seen. The crowds were not very enthusiastic, for the reason that they were struck dumb with amazement. Like America, Australia was a young country; but the Americans were self-contained, able to establish the greatest fleet of any nation. (Loud cries of dissent.) They had the most up-to-date ships it was possible to have. (Interruption.) "You might have some patience," he exclaimed. We would have to proceed like the United States by encouraging agriculture.

What Mr. M'Garry intended to say after this was not known, for at this point, amid some excitement, Mr. J. A. Gunn, M.L.C., jumped up from his chair, and vehemently protested against the last speaker's statement regarding the power of the American fleet. Speaking in stentorian tones, Mr. Gunn said that the American fleet was a credit to its country, and he was proud to join in welcoming it to our shores; and to know that the most friendly feelings and sentiment existed between the two countries. But he must utter the most emphatic protest against any-one, guest or no guest, cracking up the American fleet as against the British fleet. (Loud and continuous cheering.) Continuing, Mr. Gunn said that the British fleet ruled the world, and could defeat any three fleets in the world. (Loud cheers.) If anyone thought the American fleet was the finest in the world, let him go and live in that country. (Cheers.) He had no sympathy for anybody who practically ran down their British fleet. (Loud cheers.)

The president then called for a violin solo, but Mr. Gunn again stood up and commenced to sing "Rule Britannia." Immediately the gathering was wildly enthusiastic, and the whole body, including Mr. M'Garry, sang the whole of the well-known patriotic song.

Mr. C. A. Macdonald, in proposing the next toast, referred to the outburst which had just subsided. He said nobody could seriously think that Mr. M'Garry had meant that the American fleet could be greater than the British.

Mr. M'Garry: Hear, hear.

The spontaneous outburst of feeling last night was the chief topic of conversation at the show to-day.

NEW STEAM SERVICE.

FIJI TO MELBOURNE.

TENDERS TO BE CALLED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A notification was received by the State Government a few months ago that the Government of Fiji had decided to establish a subsidised steamer service between Suva and Melbourne, and the Cabinet accordingly promised every assistance in carrying out the project. A letter has now been received from the Acting Colonial Secretary of Fiji, stating that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had approved of the Fijian Government offering a subsidy of £5000 per annum for a term of three years for the service. Should it be found that the term of three years was too short to attract suitable tenders an effort would be made to have the term extended to five years. The subsidy offered was believed to be sufficient to provide for a suitable monthly service, with suitable cold storage for all fruit. But the service to be satisfactory should be a fortnightly one, with the first vessel to commence running in April, 1909, and the second towards the end of that year. The vessels would probably proceed to Melbourne via Sydney, and return by the same route; but it would be made a condition of the contract that the rate of freight should be the same for Melbourne as for Sydney. It was estimated by local merchants that the importation of foodstuffs alone for Melbourne would amount to 500 tons monthly. In view of the advantages to be derived from the establishment of such a service, a request was made for information as to whether, and in what manner, the Victorian Government would be prepared to assist in the matter. No steps in the direction of calling for tenders would be taken until the views of the Victorian Government had been ascertained.

Sir Thomas Bent stated to-day that the question would be considered at an early date.

NORFOLK ISLAND.

Aug. 18.

The island mail steamer Malaita, Captain Voz, of Burns, Philp, and Co.'s line, arrived off town from Sydney on the morning of the 12th inst., after an exceptionally rough passage. The landing was not good, but a boat ventured out to bring the mail ashore. As the surf was bad at the Cascade, too, the steamer had to go on without landing cargo.

The members of the Executive Council only hold office for 12 months, their year ending on the 1st inst. The five nominated members have been reappointed, and the two elective members—Messrs. O. M. Quintal and J. F. Young—have been again returned. The two elected members did not have a walk over this time. There were two other candidates—Charles Rossiter and C. C. R. Nobbs—who polled very well, the election causing a little excitement. The Council was sworn in in the court-room by the Chief Magistrate on the 5th inst.

A little while ago Mr. Cornish Quintal went to Sydney to interview the Governor with reference to island matters. He returned to the island in the flagship Powerful on the 14th ult., and a public meeting was convened on the 20th, the Chief Magistrate presiding, to hear what he had been doing in Sydney. Nothing new was elucidated, and after reading certain correspondence the meeting broke up.

The death occurred on the 9th inst. of Mr. Heyward Quintal, an elder, aged 45 years. He had been ill a long time from tuberculosis, and his death was not entirely unexpected; he was the son of Mr. Joseph Quintal, a Pitcairner.

The weather for weeks past has been exceptionally boisterous and wet, a record year in this respect, and as a consequence the roads are nothing but quagmires in places. On the 5th and two following days there were squalls at times of almost hurricane force. A few pine trees were blown down, the Cascade landing place injured, and all vegetation blasted a good deal.

PROHIBITING PRIZE-FIGHTING.

VICTORIAN MINISTER'S VIEWS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Minister for Lands (Mr. Mackey) has been active in prohibiting prize-fighting upon any property over which the Victorian Government has any control. But when he was in Sydney attending the American fleet celebrations he received an invitation to attend the Burns-Squires' fight. As he had never before witnessed a prize-fight he decided to accept the invitation. "It was not as brutal as I expected it to be," he remarked to-day on his return from Sydney. "But it is nonsense to say that it is ennobling, and can have a good effect on the onlookers. My experience of the fight confirms me in my opinion that the Government should not grant facilities for such contests in Melbourne. My prevailing impression, after the fight, is that the effect of such contests upon those witnessing them cannot be elevating. Moreover—and this is an important point—the whole contest is vitiated by the knowledge that it is fought primarily to secure a large sum of money, and not merely to show which is the stronger and more skilful of the two men."

PROTEST FROM THE CHURCHES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At the monthly meeting of the Council of Churches to-day, the following minute was recorded:—"That the Council of Churches expresses its satisfaction that the Government refused its consent to admission of a boxing fight in the official programme of the Melbourne festivities in honour of the American fleet. It raises its protest against such boxing matches as that held at Sydney last Monday, which are as nearly as possible prize fights, as being brutal in themselves and hurtful to the best interests of the community—not only in their immediate effect, but in their far-reaching influence upon the thousands of readers, especially among our youths, of their revolting details. The council earnestly requests the Government to consider whether the law cannot be amended so as to discriminate between healthful and reasonable boxing matches and those coarser exhibitions."

For Chronic Chest Complaints, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d.—Advt.

COUNTRY NEWS.

SOUTH COAST.

HELENSBURGH, Thursday.

The Mayor of Hobart (Mr. Freeman) was entertained last night by the committee of the Helensburgh Workmen's Social and Literary Club. The president of the institution, in conveying a welcome to Mr. Freeman, thanked him for the interest he had taken some time back in the educational features of the club, and congratulated him upon having attained the proud position he now occupied. Mr. Freeman, in returning thanks for the cordial welcome accorded to him, emphasised his appreciation of the club by congratulating the membership upon the evident advances and good work being carried out under its auspices. He had always been a sympathiser with the aspirations of working men, and he was glad to say that in Hobart rates of wages had in recent years been raised considerably, and that his council were endeavouring to do away with contracted slum dwellings, and to as quickly as possible provide a better environment for their citizens.

RAILWAY REQUIREMENTS.

BALLINA, Thursday.

The municipal council is in receipt of a letter from the Inverell and Glen Innes railway leagues, asking co-operation in the agitation for the construction of the line between those centres, the ultimate design being to find an outlet for the north-western districts to the North Coast ports, via Tenterfield and Casino.

ARMIDALE, Thursday.

Mrs. Thompson, an elderly woman, disappeared from home at Saumarez Ponds about half-past 9 last Friday night, and could not be found. Sergeant Rank and about 30 civilians started in search. The party could not find the wanderer. Mr. R. Davis found the missing woman the day after at Yarrawyck, a long distance from her home, and kept her till Tuesday, when she again started for home, and again missed the way, but came across the search-party, who had been out since Saturday. They found her going in the opposite direction to her home. The woman was returned to her relatives.

BALLINA, Thursday.

Additions are being carried out to the Ballina Masonic Hall at a cost of £700.

Bangalow has been proclaimed a shopping district under the Early Closing Act, and after September 1 all local stores will close on Saturday afternoons.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Jane Naisbet pleaded guilty to-day to stealing clothes and spoons, the property of Mrs. M'Arthur, of the Union Club Hotel, where she had been employed as a servant. The goods were valued at £4. Accused was fined £3 and 6s costs.

COOMA, Thursday.

Miss Eva Perkins, a member of the local post-office staff for the past eight years, who has been promoted by transference to head office, Sydney, was presented with a silver manicure set by the staff prior to her departure. Mr. W. M'Donald, of Spencer-street Railway Station, Melbourne, succeeds Miss Perkins.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Tamworth branch of the National Defence League was held last night, under the chairmanship of Mr. G. H. Newman. The report stated that the branch consisted of 267 members, the largest branch in the State. The balance-sheet disclosed a credit of £46. The elections resulted:—President, Mr. G. H. Newman; vice-presidents, the Rev. F. A. Darling and Mr. G. A. Codrington; hon. secretary, Dr. Stanley; treasurer, Mr. H. J. King.

URANA, Wednesday.

A branch of the Bank of New South Wales was opened at Urana this morning.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

UNITED TAILORS.

DISSATISFACTION FROM THE MASTERS.

The United Journeymen Tailors' Union met at the Trades Hall on Tuesday evening last, when Mr. J. B. Crombie occupied the chair.

The secretary, Mr. J. Durack, reported that on August 17 last he made application to the Industrial Court for the constitution of a wages board, to deal with matters affecting the tailoring industry. The application was granted, and the matter of fixing the number of members for the board was adjourned until a future application. In obedience to a remark made by the Judge, the secretary notified the Tailoresses' Union of the formation of the board. No reply had been received, with the exception of a verbal one, to the effect that the tailoresses did not want a board.

The following members were nominated for seats on the board:—Messrs. James Kelly, Patrick Keogh, James Buick, Henry Khul, John M'Cormack, John Durack, William Young, Herbert Underwood, John B. Crombie, and John Hepher.

The secretary was asked if any reply had been received from the Master Tailors' Association, with regard to the union's request for a conference regarding wages and conditions of work. The secretary replied in the negative, stating that, from what he could see, the employers did not intend to settle matters in a friendly manner. So far, they had practically refused to grant a conference.

Mr. B. Morgan, secretary of the Newcastle branch, was present at the meeting, and stated that, though trade was slack in Newcastle at the present time, they anticipated that the coming season would be an exceptionally good one.

STOREMEN'S UNION.

The conference between the delegates from the Storemen's Union, the Sydney Woolselling Brokers' Association, and the wooldumpers' employers has now been concluded, and, as a result, the weekly working hours in the summer months have been reduced from 58 to 50, and from 48 to 44 in the winter months. The minimum wage has been fixed at £2 5s a week, instead of £2 as heretofore, and the rate for overtime has been raised from 1s to 1s 6d an hour. Double time for Sunday and holiday work has also been agreed upon. The rate fixed for aged and incapacitated men is £1 15s a week, and boy labour is to be restricted to certain employment. The rate of pay for these is as follows:—Up to 16 years of age, 15s a week; 16 years to 18 years, £1; 18 years to 20 years, £1 5s.

The agreement will come into force on September 1, and will last for 12 months. It is proposed by both parties to arrange for the formation of a conciliation board, to consist of three members from each side.

The union's conference with the Bonded and Free Stores Association will be resumed to-day.

CABMEN'S UNION.

The half-yearly meeting of the Cabmen's Union was held at the Trades Hall on Tuesday. After the secretary had announced that over 100 members had joined during the last six months, and that the finances were in a healthy state, the election of officers was proceeded with. The following were the results:—President, Mr. A. Parbury; vice-president, Mr. J. Kennedy; treasurer, Mr. A. Pugsley; auditors, Messrs. Asprey and D. Levi; secretary, Mr. J. Fletcher.

PORT OF WHITBY.

We receive "The Ancient Port of Whitby" (Horne and Son), by Richard Weatherill. This is mainly a curious chronicle of Whitby shipping; but it has some points of wider interest because Whitby is intimately connected with Captain Cook. Whitby was a port of importance even at the Conquest, but it has not held its own in modern times. Its halcyon days were those of wooden sailing ships—and a catalogue of such ships is given from 1717 onwards, sometimes with curious detail of annotation. Participation in the Arctic whale fishery began in 1753, and it died out in 1837, though jawbones of whales used as gateposts are still to be seen in the district. Captain Cook was closely connected with some sailing vessels of Whitby. Born in 1728, after a little experience as a shop boy he became an apprentice of Mr. John Walker, of Whitby, and sailed in a vessel engaged in the coal trade. He remained with this owner a number of years before he volunteered into the navy. The first ship in which Cook went to sea is stated by the author to have been called the "Free Love," not the "Brotherly Love." His name occurs in the crew list for 1747, but in 1748 he was in another vessel of Walker's, the "Three Brothers." At this time he ranked as apprentice. In a list of the "Mary," 1750, he is mentioned as James Cook, seaman." In 1753 Walker gave him the place of mate in the Friendship. The Endeavour was built at Whitby in 1764, and when Cook was given charge of the Pacific expedition he naturally chose a Whitby-built ship, partly by reason of sentiment and partly because he knew she could be readily beached for repairs, as was subsequently verified when she stranded on the Great Barrier Reef, near Cape Tribulation. This historic vessel was sold by the Admiralty in March, 1775, for £645. She was finally broken up in the harbour of Newport, U.S.A. The Resolution and Adventure, the ships of Cook's second voyage, were built at Whitby in 1770. Cook often spent his winter evenings at Walker's house, Grape-lane, Whitby. There are some quaint illustrations in the volume.

Geneva has been suffering from a plague of ants. They were swept into the town in clouds by a strong south wind, and vast numbers of them fell in the streets, and invaded the houses.

MINING.

THE SHARE MARKET.

The feature of the market yesterday morning was the extreme firmness of both copper and silver shares. As a matter of fact they were more than firm, as the sales recorded were in the majority of instances at advanced rates. The fact that copper had risen 7/6 a ton, and that the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday indicated a steady market in Australian copper and silver shares, doubtless was the cause of the buoyant feeling prevailing locally.

In the case of copper stocks, advancing values were recorded in the case of Mount Molloys, O.K. Copper, Wallaroo and Moonta, and Lobb's Hole, paid, whilst Queen Bee held firm at late rates. The only signs of easiness were shown by Mount Morgans and Kyloe Copper.

With regard to silver shares, though the amount of business transacted was on restricted lines, the transactions showed firmness in most cases. Thus B.H. Souths, paid, rose /6, and the contributing scrip 1/, whilst B.H. Proprietary held solid at late rates, with B.H. Junction North selling well on terms. Buyers of the latter for ordinary delivery could not get the scrip at the previous day's rate. B.H. South Blocks, B.H. Block 10, and B.H. Norths also commanded good offers, but scripholders would not quote in some cases, and in others quoted wide.

Tin shares were rather quiet, so far as business is concerned, the only transactions recorded being in Gilmore Tin at a weakening rate. A report from the manager of the Vulcan Tin Company, relative to an improvement in the mine, did not firm the stock, as shares were not taken at late rates. In gold shares business was not brisk. Charters Towers stocks weakened, whilst Gympie shares were not active.

In the afternoon Mount Molloys, both ordinary and preference scrip, were in good demand, and sold on the up grade. MacGregors improved a shade; Mount Elliott and Queen Bee held steady; whilst "Lloyd" Copper weakened a little. In the case of silver shares, though business was limited to four stocks, it was of such a character as to show a very firm market. B.H. Souths improved on the morning price; the contributing scrip finished up strong in maintaining the advance of 1/ made earlier in the day; whilst both B.H. Proprietary and B.H. Norths changed hands at improved figures.

In the tin section, Vulcan Tin weakened, despite the report from the manager. Gold stocks were rather quiet. New B. Freeholds were unchanged on the morning decline, and East Mexicans, contg., dropped 1/3. Other Charters Towers stocks were without activity, the same being the case with Gympie shares. In other stocks, New Hillgrove Proprietary sold at 5/, equal to late rates, but Chaffers were quitted on the weak side.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Budgery Mines	0 3 1	0 3 6
Chillagoe, contributing	0 4 3	0 4 7
Grafton	—	1 4 0
Hampden-Cloncurry, paid	0 11 9	0 9 0
Kyloe	0 8 6	0 9 0
Lloyd Copper	0 4 3	0 4 6
Lobb's Hole	0 12 9	0 13 9
Ditto, contributing	0 10 0	0 11 0
McGregor-Cloncurry, paid	0 6 8	0 6 9
Mount Boppy, paid	0 1 6	—
Mount Elliott	3 10 0	3 12 0
Mount Molloy	0 5 8	—
Ditto, preference	0 5 10	0 6 2
O.K.	0 5 9	0 6 0
Queen Bee	0 8 9	0 9 0
Roebourne	—	0 3 6
Wallaroo and Moonta	1 16 0	1 18 0
TIN.		
Gilmore	—	0 2 10
Smith's Creek Proprietary	0 1 9	—
Stannary Hills	0 1 3	0 1 5
Vulcan	0 6 4	0 6 5
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 18 6	0 19 0
Ditto, privileged	0 17 0	—
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 2 6	2 3 0
Ditto, Block 10	3 0 0	—
Ditto, Block 14	0 13 0	—
Ditto, preference	0 13 0	—
B. H. Junction	0 2 6	0 2 9
B. H. Junction North	1 1 0	1 2 0
B. H. North	2 11 0	2 12 0
B. H. South	3 14 0	3 16 0
B. H. South, contributing	3 6 0	3 6 6
B. H. South Blocks	1 1 6	—
C.S.A. Mines, paid	—	0 15 3
Sulphide Corporation, ordinary	0 8 6	0 10 0
GOLD. New South Wales, Etc.		
Araluen Steam Shovel	0 3 0	0 4 10
Baker's Creek	0 2 6	0 3 2
Harden	—	1 7 0
Harden Central, paid	0 2 2	—
Ditto, contributing	0 1 0	0 1 4
Harden West	0 2 9	0 3 2
Mount David	0 3 0	0 3 1
Myall and Peak Hill, paid	—	0 2 6
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 4 10	0 5 2
Occidental	0 8 6	—
Sunlight	0 0 3½	0 0 4
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	0 2 0	0 2 6
Araluen Central	0 5 9	0 6 3
Associated Gold Dredging	0 3 9	0 4 0
Cope's Creek	—	0 7 0
Jembaicumbene	0 1 1	—
New Wylie Creek	—	0 3 6
Ovens Valley	0 6 0	0 7 6
Reform Tin, paid	0 3 0	0 3 9
Tewksbury Amalgamated	1 4 0	1 8 0
Tingha Tin	—	0 3 0
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Bonnie Dundee	0 5 9	0 6 5
Brilliant Block	—	0 7 6
Brilliant Central	0 6 9	0 7 2
Brilliant Extended, contributing	—	0 12 0
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc.	0 0 6	0 0 9
Kelly's Queen Block	0 2 7	0 3 1
Marshall's Queen	0 3 10	0 4 2
Ditto, contributing	0 3 6	0 4 0
Mount Morgan	3 12 0	3 13 0
Queen Cross Reef	—	0 4 6
Victory	0 1 6	0 1 10
East Mexican, paid	0 11 9	0 13 6
Gympie.		
Columbia Extended	0 6 3	0 7 0
East Oriental and Glanmire	—	0 8 6
Ditto, contributing	0 7 0	0 8 9
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1	0 4 0	0 4 6
Ditto, No. 2	—	0 15 9
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	0 2 0	0 2 4
North Smithfield	—	0 5 0
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	0 2 4	—
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 2 0	0 2 6
South Great Eastern, No. 2	0 2 9	0 2 11
South Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	0 1 6	0 1 10
Western Australia.		
Associated	1 4 0	—
Chaffer's	0 5 4	0 5 6
Great Boulder	1 7 6	—
Ditto, No. 1	—	0 9 6
Ditto, Perseverance	0 5 0	0 5 9
Main Reef	0 4 6	0 5 6
Great Fingall Consolidated	—	1 0 9
Kalgurli	7 5 0	8 0 0
Lake View Consols, L. R.	0 14 9	—

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—Mount Molloy, six weeks, 5/3; ordinary, 5/6; ditto, pref., 5/10; O.K. Copper, 5/8, 5/10; Queen Bee, 9/; Wallaroo and Moonta, 37/; Lobb's Hole, paid, 13/; Mount Morgan, 72/; Kyloe Copper, 8/7½.

Silver.—B.H. South, paid, 73/6; six weeks, 75/6; B.H. South, contg., 66/; B.H. Proprietary, 42/6; B.H. Junction North, six weeks, 21/4½.

Tin.—Gilmore Tin, 3/.

Gold.—Queen Cross Reef, 5/; one month, 5/; Victory (C.T.), 1/11; Chaffers, 5/5; Sunlight, /3½, /4; Mount David, 3/1; New B. Freeholds, 23/, 22/9.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Mount Molloy, pref., 5/10, 6/; 6/2, 6/3; Mount Molloy, pref., fully paid, 10/9, 10/10, 11/3; Mount Molloy, ordinary, 5/10, 6/; 6/3; Macgregor, 6/6; Queen Bee, 9/; Lloyd's, 4/3; Mount Elliott, 71/.

Silver.—B.H. South, paid, six weeks, 75/6; ordinary, 75/; B.H. Proprietary, six weeks, 42/9; ordinary, 42/9; B.H. South, contg., one month, 66/6; ordinary, 66/; North Broken Hill, 52/.

Tin.—Vulcan Tin, 6/3, 6/4, 6/3; Stannary Hills Tin, 1/5.

Gold.—New Brilliant Freehold, 22/9; three weeks, seller's option, 22/6, ordinary 22/3; New Hillgrove, 5/; East Mexican, contg., three weeks, 12/; Chaffers, 5/4.

MINING NOTES.

The Great Boulder Proprietary Company (W.A.) has declared a dividend of /9 per share, payable on September 25.

The crushing of 241 tons by the Great Northern Company (Gympie) yielded 231oz 4dwt of smelted gold.

The Stannary Hills Company (Q.) during the fortnight ended August 24 treated 1328 tons of ore, estimated to produce 14 tons of concentrates. It also recovered from certain residues 8 tons of additional concentrates, making a total of 22 tons, worth approximately £1720 at the present market price of tin.

Private cables state that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday were the following:—B.H. Block 10, b 60/; B.H. Proprietary, b 41/3; B.H. South (paid), b 73/6; Zinc Corporation (ordinary), s 7/; ditto, preference, 33/9 (m); B.H. North, b 52/6; Chillagoe (contg), b 4/2; Mungana, b 5/10; Mount Lyell, b 34/3; Briseis, b 9/3; Mount Elliott, b 70/; Great Cobar, £5/16/9 (m); Chaffer's, s 5/6; Great Fingalls, s 20/; Great Boulder, b 27/9; Kalgurli, b £7/10/; Associated Northern, b 10/9; Perseverance, b 4/9. Copper was quoted at £60/7/6, a rise of 7/6.

The manager of the Vulcan Tin Company telegraphs as follows:—"Stope from 900ft level, at a depth of 1000ft, shows decided improvement in size and quality. Of opinion 600ft west lode previously lost at 700ft, again met with." The telegram is a puzzle. How can a stope at the 900ft level be "at a depth of 1000ft." The only explanation is that a winze has been sunk from the 900ft level, is down 100ft, thus making 1000ft, and that a stope has been started off from the bottom of the winze. Such a stope, in a 100ft winze, must be an exceedingly hot place.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The B.H. Block 10 mill last week treated 3237 tons of crudes, producing 537 tons of concentrates, assaying 59.7 per cent. lead, 32oz silver, and 10.2 per cent. zinc. The despatches included 606 tons of concentrates, leaving 296 tons on the floors.

The New Consols' main shaft is now down about 485ft. Sinking has not yet revealed anything of promise.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—W.A. mines: Associateds, 25/, b 25/, s 25/4½; Northerns, 9/3, 9/2; Perseverance, 4/11, 5/1, b 5/, s 5/1; Chaffers, 5/6, 5/8, 5/5½, 5/6, 5/3, 5/4, b 5/4, s 5/5; Cumberland, 4/10, 5/, b 4/9, s 5/; Boulder No. 1, paid, 9/6, b 9/3, s 9/6; Boulders, 27/10½, b 27/10½, s 28/1½; ditto Deep Level, 3/; Golden Pole, 1/4, b 1/4½, s 1/6; Golden Ridge, b 22/, s 23/6; Hannan's Star, 4/6, 4/10½, 4/4, 4/6, b 4/6, s 4/8; Ivanhoe, b £8/5/, s £8/10/; Lake View, 15/4½, 15/3, 15/10½, 15/10½, 16/; Menzies, 22/, 20/, b 19/9, s 20/9; North Kalgurli, 1/10, 1/8, b 1/7, s 2/; Oroya, b 15/10½, s 16/; Princess Royal, 1/11, b 1/9, s 1/11; Gwalia South, paid, 33/, 32/6, b 32/3, s 33/; South Kalgurli, b 8/1, s 8/5; Waihi, 1/11, 2/, b 2/, s 2/1.

Various: King's Bluff, b £5/10/, s £6/10/.

Silver: B.H. Proprietary, 42/6, 42/9, b 42/9, s 43/; Block 14 (ordinary), b 13/6, s 14/; British (old), 18/1½, 19/, b 19/, s 20/; ditto (new), b 17/6, s 18/; Block 10, b 60/6, s 62/6; Junction, 2/8½, 2/9, 2/8½, 2/9, b 2/9, s 2/8½; B.H. North, 51/9, 51/6, b 51/6, s 51/9; B.H. Souths, paid, 74/6, 75/, 74/9, 75/3, b 75/3, s 75/6; ditto, contg, b 66/, s 66/9; South Blocks, 21/9, 21/10½, b 21/10½, s 22/1½; Junction North, b 21/, s 21/7½; Sulphides (ordinary), b 8/9, s 9/6; Zincs (ordinary), 7/, b 6/11, s 7/1.

Copper: Chillagoe, 5/4, 5/6, b 5/6, s 5/7; ditto, contg, 4/4, 4/6, b 4/6, s 4/7; Hampden, b 11/9, s 12/9; Molloys, paid, 5/8, 6/, 7/, b 6/10, s 7/1; Lyells, b 34/3, s 35/; Mungana, b 5/11, s 6/3; O.K., paid, 5/9, 5/10½, 5/10, 6/2, b 6/2, s 6/3; Wallaroo, 37/, 37/4½, b 37/3, s 37/6.

Tin: Briseis, b 9/, s 10/; Stannary Hills, 1/4, 1/4½, b 1/4, s 1/5.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

To-day's quotations and sales were:—Brown's Consolidated, 5/9, 6/10½, sales 5/10½; ditto, paid, 6/, 8/3; Catherine Reef United, 23/, 24/, sales 24/; Collman and Tacchi, s 8/6 ex div.; Goldfields Consols, 6/9, 7/6; Goldfields North, s 6/6; Great Southern, b 21/9; Hazelwoods and Burrowes, 6/10½, 7/; Hustler's Reef, s 22/; Koch's Pioneer, 7/6, 8/3½, sales 7/4½, 7/6, s/3; New Nil Desperandum, 3/11, 4/4, sales 4/1; ditto, paid, b 4/6; Sea, 8/9, 9/ (ex div.), sales 8/10½ (50); South New Moon, 34/6, 35/6; The Langdon, 5/7½, 6/, sales 5/9; Ulster United, s 14/; Virginia, b 58/; Victoria Consols, s 9/; Williams United, s 6/6.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Bonnie Dundee, 6/6; East Mexican, contg., 13/; Queen Cross Reef, 5/, 4/9.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

To-day's quotations were:—Brilliant Central, 6/9, 7/6; Bonnie, 6/5, 6/7; Brilliant Deeps, 3/7, 3/10; Extended, 11/2, 11/5; ditto, paid, 12/, 12/9; Worcester, /6½, /7½; Mines, 2/2½, 2/4; Mexican, 12/6, 13/; ditto, paid, 13/10, 14/; Alexandra, /4, /5; Kelly's, 1/2, 1/2½; ditto, paid, 2/10, 3/; Marshall's, 4/, 4/1; ditto, paid, 4/5, 4/8; Mills, 13/9, 14/; Freehold, 22/3, 23/6; Phoebe, /11, 1/; Cross, 4/11½, 5/; Central, b 2/4; ditto, paid, 2/9, 3/; Ruby, b 1/8; Caledonia, 1/7, 1/11; Victory, b 1/11.

Sales:—Bonnie, 6/6; Brilliant Deeps, 3/7; Block, 3/6; Extended, 11/2; Dawn, 1/6; Mines, 2/6, 2/3; Mexican, 12/ to 12/9; ditto, paid, 13/9, 13/10; Alexandra, /5½, /5; Grant, paid, 1/0½, 1/; Kelly's, 1/2, 1/2; Kulamadau, paid, 2/9; Marshall's, 3/9 to 4/; ditto, paid, 4/2, 4/3; Mills, 13/9, 13/10; Freehold, 22/6 to 23/; Craven's, /7½, /8; North, 1/1, 1/0½; Phoebe, 1/; Cross, 4/6 to 5/; Wallis, 1/7; ditto, paid, 2/3; O.K., 6/.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Quotations:—Tasmania, b 9/, s 9/7½; North Farrell, b 8/3, s 9/3; Victoria Zeehan, b 1/1, s 1/3; Hercules, b 12/; Tasmanian Copper, b 6/2, s 6/6; Briseis, b 8/3; Mount Bischoff, b £32/17/6; Arba, b 4/6, s 5/6; Mutual Hill, b /9, s /11.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Silver: B.H. Block 10, 61/, b 60/, s 62/; Block 14 (pref.), s 15/; British Broken Hill (old), b 18/9, s 19/; Broken Hill, b 42/, s 42/9; Junction North, b 21/; South, contg., b 65/6, s 67/; ditto, paid, b 74/9, s 76/; South Blocks, 21/6, 22/, 21/9, b 21/7½, s 21/9; New W. Leads, b /4, s /6; North Broken Hill, 51/, 51/6, 51/3, b 51/3, s 51/6; Zinc Corporation, b 6/10, s 7/2.

Copper: Mount Lyell, b 34/4½, s 34/10½; Tas. and Crown Extended, 1/2, b 1/2, s 1/3; Chillagoe, 4/5, 4/7; ditto, paid, 5/5, 5/7, b 5/6½, s 5/7½; Hampden, 11/9, b 11/8, s 11/9; Lobb's Hole, b 6/8, s 6/11; Mount Cuthbert, b 4/6, s 5/3; Mount Elliott, 70/, b 70/, s 71/; Mount Molloy (pref.), 5/8; Mungana, b 6/1, s 6/3; O.K. Copper, Adelaide register, 5/8, 5/9, s 6/; ditto, Queensland register, b 5/8.

Tin: Briseis, 8/10, 9/, b 9/, s 9/1; Stannum Lode, s 4/3; ditto, paid, b 4/3.

Victorian gold mines: All Nations 3/5, 3/4, b 3/3, s 3/5; Berry United, 7/3, 7/4, b 7/4, s 7/6; Cathcart, 6/7, b 6/7, s 6/8; Catherine Reef, 23/9, 23/3, b 23/3, s 23/6; Central Cookmans, 3/1½, b 3/, s 3/6; Great Southern, b 22/6; Hustler's Reef, s 20/; Russell's Reef, 4/4, b 4/, s 4/3; South German, b 12/.

Western Australian mines: Associated, b 25/3, s 25/9; Barrambie Ranges, b 2/2, s 3/; ditto, paid, b 1/6; Black Range, b 37/6, s 38/; ditto, Koh-i-noor, 4/10½, b 4/9, s 5/; Great Boulder, b 28/, s 28/1½; Havilah, b 8/, s 7/; Mararoa, 22/, b 21/3, s 21/6; Melton, s 9/; Sons of Gwalia S., s 34/; Tindals, s 21/.

NORTH BROKEN HILL.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in the North Broken Hill Mining Company was held to-day. Mr. W. M. Hyndman, chairman of directors, presided.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet the chairman said that the shareholders were to be congratulated upon the fact that the company had been able to maintain during the period under review the payment of regular quarterly dividends, and this notwithstanding the low metal values ruling during that period. The company was the only mining company on the Barrier that had been able to maintain dividends during the last six months. In June, 1904, the estimated tonnage of ore was 200,000 tons, and notwithstanding the extraction of 353,567 tons since June, 1904, the estimate of the ore now in sight was 1,100,000 tons. While it was most important to shareholders to know that their mine was working at a profit and paying dividends, it was of equal importance to develop the large tonnage of ore, and to properly equip the mine to handle same in the most effective and economical manner. When the new mill was completed and brought into operation it was confidently expected that still better results would be obtained. The general manager had been instructed to carry to completion all work in connection with the new mill, and the estimated time to complete this work was from nine to twelve months. It was also intended to resume the sinking of the main shaft another 150ft. These works would entail the expenditure of a large sum of money, absorbing probably all the cash reserves. But given a continuance of fair metal prices they should soon be able to again build up cash reserves. Meanwhile, they hoped to continue the payment of the usual quarterly dividends. (Hear, hear.) The contract with the De Bavay Treatment Company, who had purchased their zinc tailings, was working most satisfactorily, and providing a regular source of revenue. There was a new item in the balance-sheet, contingency account, which sum had been set aside chiefly to provide for any reclamations that might arise under contract for the sale of the company's concentrates, and to provide for contingent loss that might arise on account of money already paid to the Umberumberka Water Trust. So far there was no liability against the company for reclamations under this heading, but with the varying prices that lead was subject to, they never knew when reclamations might arise. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to secure two leases on the north end of the company's property—the North Broken Hill Extended and the North British Blocks, comprising together an area of 250 acres. This would give a consolidated area in the company's lease of 452 acres. The leases were acquired at a nominal price during the period of depression, and if there be a continuation of the ore bodies north of their mine it must occur in the properties purchased. Referring to the satisfactory development of the southern ore body the chairman said that during the half-year in the course of development 7637 tons of ore had been extracted from the 950ft level, the values being:—For lead, 17 per cent.; silver, 10.1oz; and zinc, 14.9 per cent. These values were much above the grade of the total ore milled during the half-year, and taken into conjunction with the fact that the ore body at this depth had proved to have gained considerably in length constituted one of the most satisfactory points that he had to lay before shareholders. It was not clearly understood by all shareholders, and probably by others, that the mine contained two ore bodies—the southern and the northern. The northern ore body had not yet been opened up at the 950ft level; but from the work done at the 800ft level it appeared certain that this ore body was also increasing in size with depth, and maintaining values.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and the retiring directors re-elected.

POTTER'S PROCESS.

TREATMENT OF REFRACTORY ORES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Steps are being taken by the Potter's Sulphide Ore Treatment, Limited, to amend their Commonwealth and New South Wales plant specifications. One company has notified its intention to oppose the application in this respect, but the directors of the Potter's Company in their annual report state that they have no reason to fear that the opposition will be successful. During the past 12 months C. W. Watson and Donald Clark have been conducting, on behalf of the company, a series of exhaustive tests with the object of demonstrating the utility of the Potter process, not only on zinc-lead ores, but also on other minerals. The board and the manager, in addition, are taking steps to adopt machinery giving the highest results, so as to enable the company to command the best position for the commercial use of its process, not only in Australia, but in other countries from which inquiries have been received. The company's capital on June 30, 1908, stood at £181,389. The assets include patent rights £159,844, fixed deposit and interest £8128, and cash and sundry debtors £701. During the year the company was paid £10,000 by the Broken Hill Proprietary Company in lieu of royalty.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINES.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

The following is a copy of a cable despatched to the London office by the management of the Great Boulder Proprietary on Wednesday night:—"At 2350ft level the west crosscut struck ore 46ft from the main shaft; width of ore 4ft, and assay 9dwt per ton. Prospecting with the diamond drill, struck ore 63ft from the shaft; width of ore 2ft 6in, and assays 40dwt per ton."

Boeree and party cleaned up another parcel from their tribute on Chaffer's lease at the Brown Hill Consols mill to-day. The particulars of the return should be available to-morrow.

Preliminary work in connection with the starting of the new internal shaft from No. 13 level of the Great Fingall is now completed, and preparations have been made to sink below that point. It is intended to test the property for at least another 1000ft in depth. At the main workings at No. 9 level an endeavour is being made to pick up the downward continuation of the West Fingall lode. Some ore has already been cut, which, although unpayable, warrants further development being done in the vicinity.

A fine shoot of ore some 300ft in length has been exposed in No. 4 or bottom level of the Oroya Black Range; while the winze recently started from that point has been sunk in good values for a further depth on underlay of 70ft. Recent development work has also proved the existence of fresh bodies of ore in the north and south ends of the upper levels, and generally the mine is said to be opening up extremely well. The vacuum filter plant attached to the mill on this property may be said to have revolutionised the slimes treatment in the back country. Stuff worth from 18/ to 25/ per ton is now being handled at very low cost, and less than a shilling's worth of gold per ton is being left in the residue.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Aug. 27.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—British Broken Hill, b 18/, s 19/; North Broken Hill, b 51/3, s 52/6; South Broken Hill, b 71/3, s 73/9; Briseis, b 8/6, s 9/.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Mount David Company, August 22.—700ft level: South-east drive extended to 227ft; No. 2 rise up 48ft, stone 2ft, fair quality. No. 1 level, winch winze: Stoping at back of level on stone 5ft thick, fair quality. Stoping south of No. 2 rise on stone 2ft 6in, of fair quality. No. 3 level, winch winze: South-east drive extended to 300ft; still on good joint; No. 5 rise up 68ft, stone 8in, of fair quality; No. 8 winze sunk to 25ft, stone 2ft, of fair quality; No. 2 winze sunk 8ft, stone 1ft 6in of fair quality; stoping south of No. 3 winze between Nos. 2 and 3 levels on stone 2ft, of good quality; north-west drive extended to 30ft, lode 3ft thick, and shows signs of improving. Started work in connection with branch tramline to new shaft, and making good progress. Battery, mill, and cyanide plants running as usual.

Cobar Peak Silver, August 20.—Drive extended 6ft, total distance 80ft, going through an exceptionally hard bar. No other change to report.

Creamy Hills Gold-mining Company.—The whole of the shaft is in good-looking quartz, carrying a little gold. Am following the same flaw or false bottom, which is lode. I cannot tell how wide it is, as there is all quartz, above and below.

SHIRE COUNCILS.

BLAND (West Wyalong).—The Bland Shire finished a two days' sitting on Saturday. The proposal to strike a local rate of threepence in the £ for West Wyalong was confirmed, the idea of petitioning against the rate or of demanding a poll having been abandoned. The balance to credit of general fund was £2153. Accounts amounting to over £460 were passed for payment, and instructions given to invite tenders for a number of road contracts. The tender of Thomas Clifton (£221) for repairs to Morangarell bridge, a joint work between Bland and Narraburra shires, was accepted. There were a large number of petitions and letters of application from country residents asking for improvements to roads, most of which were referred to the engineer for report. The president was authorised to affix the council's seal to applications for dedication of some West Wyalong streets, and also to applications for further alignment surveys here and at Barmedman. The council unanimously decided to increase the salary of the shire clerk, Mr. T. A. Crowl, to £300 per annum, owing to the extremely heavy work attached to the position in this large shire, and the capable manner in which he discharged the duties of the office. A request for a donation to the local hospital funds was refused, the council being of opinion that such expenditure would be illegal. Permission was given to the owner of Back Creek station to construct two dams in the creek on stated conditions. The president and clerk were deputed to draw up a scale of charges for watering stock at public watering places. The council is making strong efforts to improve the public water supply within the shire, being of opinion that this is of equal importance to road work in many places.

BYRON.—At Tuesday's meeting the shire engineer was instructed to make an estimate of the cost of putting the shire bridges in a condition fit for traffic. When this is ascertained the Minister for Works is to be asked for a special grant, as they should have been in good order when given over to the shire. It was stated it would take £200 to repair one of the bridges alone that had dry rot. The tenders of G. Lawson for £244 and J. Davison for £365 were accepted for two new bridges in the Bangalow portion of the shire, and a few important road repairs were ordered. The shire has a credit balance of about £1900.

DEMONDRILLE.—Mr. John James Fowler has been elected for A riding to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. David Bruce Frater. The other candidates were Mr. W. Lemon and Mr. W. C. Lyons, who polled 4 and 7 votes respectively. Mr. Fowler secured 31 votes.

GUNNING.—The council has decided to co-operate with the Goodradigbee shire in seeking to have the Local Government Act so amended as to have all lands held by the Railway Commissioners for railway purposes made rateable. A communication was received from the Postal Department stating that Gunning would now be in telephonic communication with Yass, Queanbeyan, Hall, Ginninderra, Canberra, Murrumbateman, Rye Park, and Burrowa.

LAKE MACQUARIE.—The council were notified at their meeting on Saturday that the request made to declare West Wallsend and Holmesville urban areas had been postponed for consideration, pending a deputation being received on the question of constituting West Wallsend a municipality on September 17. The Public Works Department forwarded a copy of the bill to regulate the width of tyres, as introduced to Parliament, and desired information concerning the name, locality, and description of each wharf under the council's control. The Goodradigbee shire desired the co-operation of the council in urging the department to introduce legislation to amend the Local Government Act, to provide for lands vested in the Railway Commissioners being subject to taxation, which was agreed upon. The Perpetual Trustee Company, as agents for the Quigley Estate, submitted a plan of subdivision at Teralba, and asked for the approval of the council thereto. The plan was approved of, and the Trustee Company were empowered to dispose of the land, provided an agreement in writing be entered into to form and gravel the streets. The trustees of the public park at West Wallsend desired permission to close a road running through the centre of the park, which was postponed, pending further inquiries being made on the subject. The revenue for the fortnight amounted to £518 9s 11d, making the amount of rates received for the current year £4500 16s 1d, the general fund being in credit £2549 8s 3d.

TINTENBAR (Ballina).—At the last meeting of the council the president foreshadowed an increased rate next year to meet expenditure. The council is in receipt of a notification of the gazettal of a regulation reducing the speed of steamers between Ballina and Coraki to six miles an hour.

URANA.—At a special meeting of the council it was decided to inaugurate a sanitary system for Urana, bringing it into operation with the new year. It was also decided to make application to the Minister for the formation of a trust to be known as the South Creek Water Trust. The estimate submitted by the engineer showed that the works would cost about £4500, and it was agreed to apply that sum. The proposal is to put a weir across Billabong Creek at Mohonga and divert flood waters into South Creek, so as to give a water supply for Clear Hills.

SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Following upon the enthusiastic meeting of the Melbourne shopkeepers, when some 4000 of them carried a resolution, asking the Government to amend the Early Closing Act so as to make Saturday afternoon the universal half-holiday, with a provision for keeping open Friday night, as in Brisbane, where this arrangement has worked so well, the Sydney shopkeepers are now also moving in the matter. An active campaign is being initiated in favour of doing away with the inconvenient and hybrid Wednesday afternoon closing, and it is significant that the greatest support is coming from the suburban shopkeepers, who are supposed by those who do not rightly understand the question to be the principal sufferers, should the change come about. In this connection we have only to turn for proof to the city of Brisbane, where the Saturday afternoon has been universal for nearly eight years. Far from being injured by the change, as was at first feared, the suburban shopkeepers have in every instance benefited, and the writer, who has only lately returned from a trip to the northern capital, was amazed to find small men in the suburbs revelling in their Saturday afternoons. They say that the late Friday opening night has been their salvation, as the trade which used to go into the city is now done in their own district. Many of them have extended their premises, and all of them declare that they would not go back to the old regime of a Wednesday half-day and a late Saturday on any account. In Sydney here it is a significant fact that the people most opposed to the universal Saturday are those who already close upon that day. And for what reason? Simply because they get a double day's trade on the Wednesday. What, let me ask, does the Wednesday morning's trade amount to? Every suburban shopkeeper knows what a meagre day his Wednesday at present returns to him, when he puts up his shutters at 1 o'clock. His Wednesday's trade goes into the large city shops, and his Saturday afternoon's business is gradually but surely becoming less and less on account of the working classes favouring the universal Saturday.

The Churches are supporting the movement, and at all Saturday half-holiday meetings prominent ministers are to be found on the platform advocating its adoption. In conclusion, let me wish all success to the shopkeepers in the accomplishment of this very laudable object, which will benefit thousands and harm none.

I am, etc.,

W. H. C. J.

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FUNERALS.

BERRIMAN.—The Friends of Mr. ANDREW J. BERRIMAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved MOTHER, Mrs. Mary Berriman; to leave 115 Bourke-street, Redfern THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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BERRIMAN.—The Friends of Mrs. W. YELDHAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved MOTHER, Mrs. Mary Berriman; to leave 115 Bourke-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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BERWICK.—The Funeral of the late Mr. THOMAS BERWICK, Senior, will leave the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. Hart, Ashbourne, Wyatt-avenue, Burwood, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery, by road. Friends please take funeral train leaving Sydney 2.23 p.m.
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CARR.—The Friends of the late Mr. CHARLES CARR are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from the Sydney Hospital, THIS FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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HANAFAN.—The Friends of the late Mrs. MARY HANAFAN are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her late residence, 68 Arundel-street, Forest Lodge, TO-MORROW (Saturday) MORNING, at 8.30, for Waverley Cemetery.
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JAMES.—The Friends of Mrs. GEORGE GORDON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dear SISTER, Amanda May; to leave their parents' residence, 97 Glebe-street, Glebe, TO-DAY, at 1.30.

JONES.—The Funeral of the late Mr. JAMES JONES, late of Newcastle, will move from our Mortuary Chapel, 810-12 George-street, city, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 8.45, o'clock, for Unitarian Cemetery, Rookwood.
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O'KEEFE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH LANNAGAN and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Margaret Mary O'Keefe; to leave 17 Moorgate-street, Blackfriars, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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O'NEILL.—The Friends of Mrs. O'NEILL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND, Cornelius; to move from their residence, 193 Cumberland-street, city, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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J. M. REES, Legal Manager.
Coonamble, 26th August, 1908.

CREAMY HILLS GOLD-MINING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, No Liability, Cobar.—Marshall-street, Cobar, Aug. 25, 1908.—NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL (the third) of 1/- per Share has been made, due and payable to J. RANKIN, at the Registered Office of the Company, Marshall-street, Cobar, on September 9, 1908. By order of the Board.
J. RANKIN, Legal Manager.

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G. A. RICHARDS, Manager.
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